

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

The James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall St., SE., East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

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Our Mission

Educating and inspiring each student to navigate successfully in a global community.

Monday, August 24, 2009

7:00 p.m. - REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, August 24, 2009 in the Community Board Room of the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall St., SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Board of Education:

Present: Mr. Brian Ellis, Mr. Steve Edison, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, Mr. Peter Ruppert. Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau and Mr. Robert Minnema

Administration: Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mrs. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Heidi Sunderhaft-Christiansen, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mr. Larry Fisher, and Mr. Doug Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board – Mrs. Trierweiler Board Secretary, Mrs. Trierweiler, reported that the Board received a thank you card from Amanda Werner (Speech Pathologist – LS and WE) for the gift certificate to Schuler's following the adoption of her son, Drew, from Korea.

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Facilities Update - Mr. Edison

Mr. Edison stated everything at the high school and athletic facilities is looking excellent and ready for school opening. There were a few questions regarding some equipment not in place in weight room, Dr. Shubel stated that the equipment is coming. Mr. Edison also gave a brief outline of the park renovations the city is proposing which will include improvements to the park area and additional walk paths and docks.

Presentation/Discussion:

Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly (Enclosure #6)

The Michigan Association of School Boards' 2009 Delegate Assembly is meeting for the annual 2009 Fall Conference at the Lansing Center in Lansing on Thursday, October 22, 2009. Three delegates may be appointed to represent the East Grand Rapids Board of Education. Mr. Ellis stated that the Board will vote for delegates at the September 28th regular meeting

Action Items - Consent Agenda:

Background: In order to save time during the meeting, we are using a Consent Agenda. Items in the Consent Agenda include those that are considered routine or have been previously discussed by the Board of Education. Any Board Member may request to have any item removed for a separate discussion and vote.

Recommendation: Motion to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 7 through 11

Approval of Minutes of Organizational MEETING of 7/01/09 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 7/28/09 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Payment of Bills for June and July, 2008 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #10)

In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, the district has various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #10 for approval by the Board.

Approval of a Foreign Exchange Student from South Korea (Enclosure #11)

The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Kihoon Song, from South Korea, be approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School during the 2009-10 school year.

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Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda items #7-11. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Other Action Items:

Approval of a School Bond Loan Resolution (Enclosure #12)

The district borrows annually from the School Bond Loan Program to assist in making our debt retirement payments. The application for the 2009-2010 borrowing needs to be approved by the full Board.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the attached resolution authorizing the district to borrow funds from the Michigan School Bond Loan Program as presented. Mr. Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Opening of School - Dr. Shubel stated that students begin classes (full day) on September 8th and on September 2nd staff reports. The theme this year is "21st Century Learning." She said she is looking forward to having the Board attend the opening day on September 2nd at 8:00 a.m. in the PAC at the high school.

New Staff (Enclosure #13B) - Dr. Shubel and Mrs. Glowicki presented this report together. Mrs. Glowicki has been in the midst of new staff orientation since last week and orientation will be completed on Wednesday of this week. The orientation sessions give new staff a chance to find out about our district climate and culture and also to meet other staff. It also gives them a chance to bond with each other. Mrs. Glowicki said they have been working on differentiation and transition of knowledge. Mentors have been assigned to new teachers and also throughout the year the new teachers will have monthly meetings with Mrs. Glowicki.

Dr. Shubel noted that it has been a busy summer for all administrators working on hiring, curriculum development, and new staff orientation.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

State Budget Update - Mr. Philipps

Mr. Philipps felt that we probably won't see a budget from the State until October 1st. The school aid fund is short of where they thought it would be at the May revenue conference. Currently for this year (09-10) looks like there may be \$100/pupil shortfall - and depending on how things shake out, it could be up to a shortfall of \$250/pupil. There was discussion and a few questions by the Board.

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Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Diversity Rally Update - Thursday, August 29th - Mrs. Glowicki announced that this is a countywide initiative and has been for the past three years. She stated that the rally will be held at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center.

New Staff Orientation - Covered in above report.

Board Representative Reports (Enclosure #16)

Board Committee Assignments - Mr. Ellis

Mr. Ellis stated that he is still working on committee assignments and that he hopes to have this finalized by this week.

Mr. Ellis encouraged the Administrative Team to raise the level of alertness and consider letters to parents regarding flu and keeping healthy. Dr. Shubel stated that the first newsletter from the buildings will have information for all parents, and that information will also be provided at all building open houses.

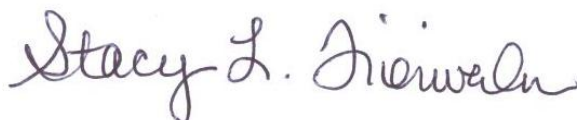
Mr. Ellis asked if we could meet on Tuesday, September 29th instead of the 28th. He has a conflict with the September 28th date. Put hold on September 29th for this.

Dr. Shubel encouraged everyone to come on Wednesday, August 26th for the official unveiling of the completed high school construction.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy Trierweiler, Secretary
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

** If you plan to attend and have a special need and require accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Superintendent, at 235-3535.

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