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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, Community Board Room
2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506
For Information, call 616-235-3535

March 22, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, March 22, 2010 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, Mr. Peter Ruppert, Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau, Mr. Robert Minnema, Mrs. Julie Ridenour

Absent:

None.

Administration:

Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mrs. Wendy VanZegeren, Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, and Mr. Doug Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order

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

Recognition of:

2010 Swimming and Diving Lower Peninsula State Championship Division III Team - Dr. Shubel

Dr. Shubel recognized and congratulated the swim team on their accomplishments and celebrated the 115th State Championship.

Mr. Briggs gave a brief overview of the state competition. Coach Briggs was also recognized as 2010 Swim Coach of the Year, as well as Nick Watson being named 2010 Swimmer of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association.

Staff Appreciation Dates – Dr. Shubel

- A. Support Staff Week – April 19-23, 2010
- B. Administrative Professionals' Day – April 21, 2010
- C. Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Week – April 18-24, 2010
- D. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3-7, 2010

Mr. Ellis recognized Dr. Shubel being named President of the ASCD and acknowledged her incredible accomplishment. The Board is in support of this endeavor.

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EGREA President's Report – Mrs. Shelly Schram

Mrs. Schram reported that elementary teachers are preparing and participating in parent/teacher conferences. Mrs. Schram thanked the PTAs for snacks during conference times. Staff is excited about Spring Break.

Presentation:

Special Education Report – Ms. Jann VanAirdale, Ms. Geraldine Johnson, Ms. Tanis Johnson, and Ms. Carlye Wilk (Enclosure # 9)

Jann gave a brief overview of the elementary resource programs and introduced the staff presenting this evening.

A discussion was held with questions and comments from the Board. Students served varies year-to-year, with between 6-13 students this year, per building. Time spent is based on data, planning, goals and objectives. Re-evaluations are done every three years although adjustments can be made during the year based on individual students' progress or needs. Special education teachers were invited to the recent science training for an added awareness of what is being taught in general education classrooms. Special education staff members found it very helpful to see what is being done in the general education classrooms, which allowed them to make accommodations to support students' needs. During the science training, the special education staff was coming up with ideas on how to modify what is being taught to meet the students' needs. General education teachers also found it helpful to understand the support the special education teachers provide, and it was a nice understanding of their relationship.

Fall 2009 Grades 3-9 MEAP Report – Mr. Doug Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins provided MEAP results. Scores are used by the District in several ways:

1. Curriculum Development:

EGR District Curriculum Cycle: Research and Study, Review and Develop, Implement and Reflect, Support

2. School Improvement Process, driven by buildings, supported by district office

3. Data Warehouse, IGOR, used by staff

A discussion was held with questions and comments from the Board. Scale scores are used versus public MEAP scores. Mr. Ellis commended administration and staff for using the data provided to address individual concerns and detailing this data to support student needs.

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 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 the Consent Agenda Numbers 11 through 17C.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 02/22/2010 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 02/22/2010 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Payment of Bills for February 2010 (Enclosure #13)

Approval of New High School Course – Varsity Men's Choir

Approval of New High School Course – Personal Finance

Approval of New High School Course – AP Human Geography

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #17)

A. High School Junior State of America Spring State Convention (Enclosure #17A)

B. High School Band Camp (Enclosure #17B)

C. High School Spring Athletic Overnight Trips (Enclosure # 17C)

Ms. Ridenour moved to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 11 through 17C. Ms. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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Other Action Items:

Approval of Numbers for the 2010-2011 Schools of Choice Program – Dr. Shubel (Enclosure #18)

Ms. Trierweiler moved to accept 16 students in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2010-11 school year. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Trierweiler commented on how it is a balancing act to determine the amount of students accepted in this program and commended administration on the thoughtful process given to this matter. Mr. Ellis also commented on the conservative recommendation and commended administration for their deliberation in this process. Dr. Shubel indicated that class size is always a priority in making this decision. Ms. Trierweiler gave a brief overview of how the process works in choosing incoming students to this program. Ms. Ridenour commented on the fact that students are not placed until August and appreciates the understanding of the process.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel shared information on her new role as President of ASCD.

Assistant Superintendent for Business

None.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Ms. Glowicki commented on the training that has been going on with science training in the past few weeks and the connection between science and reading that is taking place in the classrooms.

Board Representative Report

Mrs. Trierweiler commented on the turnout for Assistive Technology. She also indicated that 72 seniors were honored through the Youth Development program.

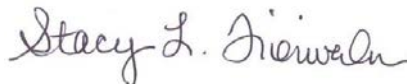
Mr. Edison commented on the Melodies in March concert and the wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

Mr. Ellis informed everyone that the next Board of Education meeting will be held on April 26, 2010 at Pioneer Auditorium.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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