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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,

2915 Hall St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

For Information, call 616-235-3535

Monday, November 23, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Minutes

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, November 23, 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, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mrs. Heidi Sunderhaft, Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, and Mr. Doug Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He noted that there has been an addendum to the agenda #13A. He announced that the EGR girls swim team recently won state championship #113 - they will be recognized at the December 14th BOE meeting.

Acknowledgment of Guests - None

Public Comments - None

Board Secretary's Report - Communications to and from the Board - Mrs. Trierweiler
Mrs. Trierweiler reported that the Board received a thank you card from Beth Hill (MS Special Education) following the birth of her son.

High School Student Council President's Report - Ms. Sonia Nicola
No report this month.

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EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Shelly Schram

Mrs. Schram was not able to attend this meeting but she asked Dr. Shubel to thank all parents for successful P/T conferences and all the support given to teachers by the parents.

Recognition of 2009 Division 2 Girls Cross Country State Championship Team - Dr. Sara Shubel and Mr. Scott Robertson

Mr. Robertson and Dr. Shubel presented all the members of the team with certificates of recognition.

Recognition of Nick Hopkins - Coach of the Year - Girls Cross Country - Mr. Scott Robertson

Mr. Hopkins was presented with a certificate of recognition.

Presentation:

Presentation of the East Grand Rapids High School Annual Guidance Report - Mr. Larry Fisher

Mr. Fisher presented the annual guidance report for the class of 2009. Overall the number of students going on to college has remained the same. He pointed out trends in admissions for colleges and also reviewed where students are applying.

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 items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 10 through 12.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 10/26/09 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of October Payment of Bills (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Youth Development Wilderness Trip in June, 2010 (Enclosure #12)

Mr. Edison moved to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 10 through 12. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Other Action Items:

2008-2009 Audit Report

The audit was completed by Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, P.C. this fall. The Board Finance Committee reviewed the report and recommends that the Board of Education receive the 2008-2009 Audit Report.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to receive the 2008-2009 Audit Report as presented and recommended by the Board Finance Committee and Superintendent. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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Acceptance of Grants from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation (Enclosure #13A)

The East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation awarded the fall Mini Grants and Grants at the November 2009 Foundation meeting.

Mr. Edison moved to accept the grants as listed in Enclosure #13A totaling \$37,072 and to thank the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation for its support of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Dr. Shubel described the process of grants to the Board. She noted that it is a very thorough review. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2009-2010 Amended Budgets (Enclosure #14)

Each fall, the Board Finance Committee recommends a Budget Amendment to the Board of Education. The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed amendment.

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the amendment for the 2009-10 budget as listed in Enclosure #14. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. There were numerous comments from the board members regarding state funding and state politicians. Motion passed 7-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent

EGR Schools Foundation

Grant Process - Discussed earlier in the meeting

Hurrah - Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Bridgewater Place - Place this date on your calendars.

Brian Vander Ark Concert - Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the PAC - Co-hosted by the Junior class and the EGR Foundation. Verve Pipe will also be playing. Mr. Edison noted that the winner of the battle of the bands will open at the Brian Vander Ark concert. He also mentioned that the battle of the bands is open to both students and alumni.

Assistant Supt. for Business - No additional reports.

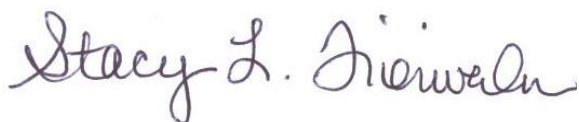
Assistant Supt. for Instruction - No report this evening.

Board Representative Report - No reports.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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