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EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

Community Board Room at the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff
2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Tuesday, August 31, 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, Mrs. Julie Ridenour,
Mr. Peter Ruppert, and Mr. Robert Minnema

Absent: Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau

Administration: Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mrs.
Kathy Wisniewski, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mr. Craig Weigel, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mr. Anthony
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Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests – None.

Public Comments

Jim Saalfeld – 205 Morningside, introduced himself and announced that he won the nomination for county commissioner in the 11th district and his name will be on the ballot for general election in November.

Mark Hessler – 2223 Estelle, introduced himself and would like to find ways to best serve EGR administration and the school district.

Board Secretary's Report - Communications to and from the Board

Board Secretary, Mrs. Trierweiler, reported that the Board received communication from:

- Mr. Richard Russo on the school budget
- Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hackett on Schools of Choice

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly (Enclosure #5)

The Michigan Association of School Boards' 2010 Delegate Assembly is meeting for the annual 2010 Fall Conference at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel & DeVos Place on Thursday, November 4, 2010. 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 27 regular meeting.

Mrs. Rabideau arrived at 7:04 p.m.

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 items in the Consent Agenda, Numbers 6 through 10.

Approval of Minutes of ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of 07/01/2010 (Enclosure #6)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 07/01/2010 (Enclosure #7)

Approval of Payment of Bills for June and July 2010 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #9)

In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, the district has various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #9 for approval by the Board.

Approval of Foreign Exchange Student from China – Fall 2010 (Enclosure #10)

The High School Administration recommends that foreign exchange student, Mulin Tang, from China, be approved for enrollment at East Grand Rapids High School during the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6-10. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of a School Bond Resolution (Enclosure #11)

The district borrows annually from the School Bond Loan Program to assist in making our debt retirement payments. The application for the 2010-2011 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.

Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2010-2011 (Enclosure #12)

The Superintendent Goals for 2010-2011 are presented for approval.

A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the Superintendent Goals for 2010-2011. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Purchase Agreement for Sale of Property (Enclosure #13)

Administration and representatives from Ramona's Table have discussed the sale of a small portion of the pool plaza to foster the expansion of Ramona's Table restaurant as per the Purchase Agreement reviewed by the Finance Committee and Superintendent.

Mr. Philipps introduced Charlie Palm, owner of Ramona's Table. Mr. Palm presented drawings of the proposed expansion to accommodate additional seating capacity, while also allowing their business to host larger private events. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

Mrs. Rabideau moved to approve the Purchase Agreement as recommended by the Finance Committee and Superintendent. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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Approval of a 2-Year Contract with the East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) (Enclosure #14)

The East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) and the Administration have negotiated a 2-year agreement.

Mr. Philipps reported on details of the 2-Year Contract, specifically salary scale, health insurance, and school calendar changes.

Mr. Ellis reported that the agreement is a fair deal, reporting that one of the strengths of East Grand Rapids Public Schools is that we are allowed to run our school district at the standard which our community expects and deserves. Mr. Ellis commended the Administration and Association for their cooperation and work in coming to an agreement.

Mr. Minnema moved to approve the 2-year contract with the East Grand Rapids Education Association (EGREA) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mr. Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a 2-Year Contract with the East Grand Association of Support Staff Employees (EGRASE) (Enclosure #15)

The East Grand Rapids Association of Support Staff Employees (EGRASE) and the administration have negotiated a 2-year agreement.

Mr. Philipps reported on details of the 2-Year Contract, specifically salary scale, health insurance, and longevity pay.

Board members commended the Administration and EGRASE staff for their diligent work in coming to an agreement.

Mr. Minnema moved to approve the 2-year contract with the East Grand Rapids Association of Support Staff Employees (EGRASE) upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. Mrs. Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a WMHIP Resolution (Enclosure #16)

Periodically local school boards are asked to reconfirm the Trustees to represent the school district for the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to approve the enclosed resolution as recommended by the Superintendent. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

New Staff (Enclosure #17)

Dr. Shubel introduced the list of new staff members reporting that positions opened up following the state retirement incentive, along with resignations. Experience ranges from 2-16 years.

Ms. Glowicki reported on the activities that took place during the weeklong New Staff Orientation in August.

Mr. Ellis commented on the new staff video which was introduced at the Opening Day staff meeting the morning of August 31, 2010.

Opening of School

Dr. Shubel stated that students begin class (full day) on September 7th, and staff reported on August 31st. The theme this year is "Only One You." She stated that the superintendents are looking forward to visiting the buildings on the first day of school.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

State Budget Update

Mr. Philipps reported on the State School Aid Bill signed on July 7, 2010, with an impact on our budget of \$600,000 in incremental one-time revenue. Federal one-time portion of per pupil funding is \$900,000 resulting in a budget surplus for 2010-2011. Assumption will be a decrease in funding from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012 until tax collections prove otherwise.

A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Opening Day for Staff

Ms. Glowicki reported that the theme for this year, "Only One You" will carry throughout the school year. She thanked the Board for attending the Opening Day staff meeting.

Board of Education Members' Report

Board Committee Assignments (Enclosure #20)

Mr. Ellis presented the Board Committee Assignments as indicated in Enclosure #20.

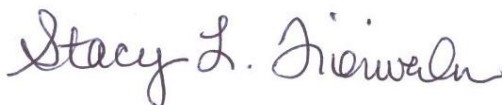
Mr. Ellis announced the next board meeting: September 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room.

Mr. Edison thanked board members for the gift he received while recovering from his recent surgery.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:07 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 St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. The phone number is 235-3535.

** 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.