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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

Monday, November 22, 2010

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, November 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, Ms. Stacy Trierweiler, Ms. Julie Ridenour,
Ms. A. Michelle Rabideau, Mr. Peter Ruppert, and Mr. Robert Minnema

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Ms. Kathy Wisniewski, Ms. Jenny Fee, Ms. Caroline Breault-Cannon, Ms. Heidi Sunderhaft, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mr. Craig Weigel

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments

Mr. Ellis explained the ground rules and then opened the floor for public comments.

Stacy Trierweiler - 3216 Bonnell, announced that she will not run for re-election of her board position following the expiration of her term in 2011.

Brian Ellis - 45 Brooktree Lane, announce that he will run for re-election of his board position for another term, beginning in 2011.

Beth Milanowski - 2640 Hall Street, announced her candidacy for the upcoming board election in 2011.

Mr. Ellis announced that the filing deadline for candidacy to the school board is February 8, 2011.

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

Board Secretary, Ms. Trierweiler, reported that the Board received communication from Peter Metsker and Janice Yates.

High School Student Council President's Report

Mr. Kyle Seasley, Senior Class President, reported that the Student Council completed the holiday fundraiser, which was their largest fundraiser. The Veteran's Day Assembly was held on November 10, 2010.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of EGR Commended Students in the 2010 Merit Scholarship Competition (Enclosure #6)

Mr. Fisher reported on the 2010 Merit Scholarship Competition, explaining that this is a test that is taken in the students' junior year. The following EGR students: Lenna Johnsen, Katie Lachance, Alexandra Mahdasian, and Michael Zanko were honored at tonight's board meeting.

Presentation of EGR High School Annual Guidance Report (Enclosure #7)

Mr. Fisher presented the EGR High School Annual Guidance Report. He reviewed statistics of applicants and admissions to colleges/universities.

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

Mr. Ellis commended the administration for their efforts in creating this report and the recorded achievements.

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 8 through 10.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 10/25/2010 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Payment of Bills for October 2010 (Enclosure #9)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #7642 (Alternative Credit Options) (Enclosure #10)

Ms. Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8 through 10. Mr. Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution to Refinance Bonds, Approval of Underwriter, and Approval of Financial Advisors – (Enclosure #11)

Mr. Philipps presented the Resolution as reviewed by the Finance Committee and presented in Enclosure #11.

Ms. Ridenour moved to approve the Resolution as presented in Enclosure #11. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Approval of Remaining 2006 Bond Funds (Enclosure #12)

Mr. Philipps presented on the remaining 2006 Bond Funds, reporting that all projects were completed from the initial bond. Due to efficient use of the funds and investment management, \$400,000 remains in the construction fund. Mr. Philipps presented the options as reviewed by the Finance Committee. He explained that it is a requirement that the remaining funds must be exhausted. Option 1-Debt Retirement: It was discussed the effect on taxpayers and potential refunding of bonds. Option 2-Additional Project Option: Funds to be used for classroom science equipment, technology, and middle school boiler.

Mr. Minnema moved to approve the 2006 Bond Funds as presented in Enclosure #12. Ms. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

2009-2010 Audit Report

Mr. Philipps reported that the 2009-2010 audit has been completed by Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, P.C. He commended the Business Office staff for their work throughout the year, which resulted in a successful audit. Mr. Philipps shared statistics on the 2009-2010 General Fund.

Ms. Ridenour moved to receive the 2009-2010 Audit Report as reviewed by the Board Finance Committee. Ms. Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Rabideau and Mr. Edison commended staff for their continued efforts in achieving another successful audit report.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel thanked the EGR Schools Foundation for their work and support in the grant process. Ms. Glowicki also thanked the EGR Schools Foundation for their support of our schools. There were \$115,000 of grant requests received, with \$40,000 of grants honored in the fall cycle. The spring cycle will include additional applications. Dr. Shubel expressed that we are fortunate that our classroom teachers have the ability to request additional resources which impact our students to enhance current programs, as well as to pilot new programs.

Foundation fundraiser, *Hurrah!* will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at the Bissell Hanger.

Dr. Shubel reported that Parent-Teacher Conferences have concluded with a large percentage of parent participation in support of the children of EGR Schools.

Dr. Shubel thanked the EGR PTAs for their communications and efforts in the community. Over \$41,000 was raised at the recent Lakeside fundraiser.

The Board Curriculum Work Session and Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation will be held on December 6, 2010.

Thanksgiving Break is November 24-26, 2010.

Dr. Shubel congratulated the Girls' Swimming & Diving Team on their State Championship, #116. The swimmers will be recognized at the December 13 board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

No additional reports.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Ms. Glowicki announced that the MLK Committee wishes to expand the opportunities for students during this year's MLK Celebration.

Ms. Glowicki reported that she and Ms. Wisniewski met collaboratively with four professional learning communities comprised of special education teachers to further their work from the fall.

Board of Education Members' Report

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ellis announced that the next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on December 13, 2010.

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:12 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.

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