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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, February 21, 2011

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, February 21, 2011 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: Brian Ellis, Steve Edison, Stacy Trierweiler, Julie Ridenour, Michelle Rabideau, Robert Minnema
Absent: Peter Ruppert
Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Kevin Philipps, Doug Jenkins, Kathy Wisniewski, Jenny Fee, Craig Weigel,
Peter Stuursma, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Heidi Sunderhaft, Scott Robertson

Meeting Called to Order

Brian 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 – Stacy Trierweiler

The Board received communications from:

- Mari Persons and Jennifer Olsson on the Breton Playground Initiative
- Michigan School Vocal Music Association to recognize Dr. James Borst as being named *Choir Teacher of the Year*
- National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association to recognize Scott Robertson for successfully completing the process to claim the title of *Certified Master Athletic Administrator*
- Paul Karsten on *We The People*
- Tom Ainsworth on athletics

High School Student Council President's Report

Kyle Seasly, Senior Class President, reported that the Student Council Blood Drive brought in 104 pints of donated blood, which is double the amount from last year, with 75 first time donors. This is the most blood donated by EGR students since 2003. Relay for Life will be held in May.

Brian Ellis commended Student Council on their successful Blood Drive.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of Dr. Jim Borst for being named *Michigan Choir Teacher of the Year* by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association – Dr. Shubel and Jenny Fee congratulated Dr. Borst on this recognition.

Recognition of Scott Robertson for claiming the title of *Certified Master Athletic Administrator* (Enclosure #7)

Dr. Shubel and Jenny Fee congratulated Scott on his contributions to the district and recognized his accomplishments

Peter Ruppert arrived at 7:06 p.m.

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Proposed High School Links Course – (Enclosure #8)

Jeanne Glowicki reported on the High School Links Course and provided program background information. Sandy Brooks and Jenny Fee described the functions and responsibilities within and outside the classroom. Integration opportunities were explained, as well as social aspects involving the students in the general education population. Outcomes for general education students and special education students were also described. Course guidelines and the curriculum and expectations were outlined.

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

Addendum to K-12 Physical Education Curriculum – (Enclosure #9)

Jeanne Glowicki welcomed Matthew Putnam and Hollie Rademacher who presented on the PE Curriculum. Rationale for the addendum was explained. Sample Grade Level GLCE's were described. Programs for student involvement were identified as resources to be explored.

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

First Reading of Revised Policy #7630 and 7630-R (Graduation Requirements) (Enclosure #10)

Jenny Fee reported on the graduation requirements, explaining the expectations of students to demonstrate proficiency and mastery in a course.

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 11 through 14.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 1/17/2011 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 02/09/2011 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Payment of Bills for January 2011 (Enclosure #13)

Approval of the Addition of NorthPointe Christian to the OK Athletic Conference (Enclosure #14)

Stacy Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 11 through 14. Julie Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Refunding of Bonds – Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #15)

Background: The district recently had the opportunity to refund \$22 million in bonds from the 2001 bond sale. The Board of Education granted approval to administration to refund bonds as long as at least 3% Net Present Value savings were realized. Administration chose to refund \$8.8 million of the \$22 million, realizing close to 8% Net Present Value Savings. To finalize this refunding, the Board is asked to approve a ratification resolution. The Finance Committee has reviewed the refunding results and recommends supporting the resolution.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the ratification resolution as presented by the Finance Committee and Superintendent.

Kevin Philipps reported on the refunding of bonds, describing the total existing debt and general information after 2011 refunding as presented in Enclosure #15. Jeff Soles, attorney with Thrun Law Firm, explained the ratification resolution in detail.

Julie Ridenour moved to approve the ratification resolution as presented by the Finance Committee and Superintendent. Steve Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

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Approval of Middle School Boiler Bids – Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #16)

Background: Previously, the Board of Education approved the expenditure of up to \$250,000 from 2006 bond funds and the district's sinking fund to install a new boiler system at the Middle School. Bids were requested and received, and the Finance Committee has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the bid of River City Mechanical in the amount of \$157,600 as recommended by the Finance Committee and Superintendent.

Kevin Philipps reported on the bids received for the middle school boiler, which were presented to the Finance Committee

Stacy Trierweiler moved to approve the bid of River City Mechanical in the amount of \$157,600 as recommended by the Finance Committee and Superintendent. Bob Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Approval of the Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2010-2011 (Enclosure #17)

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan since the inception of the KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan in the 1996-97 school year.

Julie Ridenour moved to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2011-2012 school year. Stacy Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105c

In accordance with Section 105c as permitted in the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, it is recommended that East Grand Rapids Public Schools not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2011-2012 school year.

Steve Edison moved to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105c of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, to not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2011-2012 school year. Stacy Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the 2011-12 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

This is the ninth year of the KISD Schools of Choice Program.

Bob Minnema moved to pass a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2011-2012 school year. Julie Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel introduced Kevin Philipps to present on the Governor's Budget Proposal.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps reported on the Governor's Budget Proposal including Funding, School Aid Fund, Retirement Rate, Budget Projection of a Net Change in (2,044,173) for 2011-2012. Moving forward with the budget process would include scheduling a meeting within the next two weeks to determine the potential use of the fund balance for 2011-12 and potential budget reductions.

The next steps at the State level is for the House to develop its own budget, Senate to come up with a budget, then both sides of legislature to finalize a completed budget to present to the Governor.

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

Brian Ellis requested that the Board meet for a budget workshop within the next two weeks to talk through the budget process, have discussion on fund equity, and address further questions. Dr. Shubel reported that the Legislative Committee is in the process of educating the community via blogs and e-mail.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki reported on the Professional Development activities planned for February 23-24, which includes St. Stephen's staff.

Board of Education Members' Report

Stacy Trierweiler announced that PACE is hosting *Assistive Technology Tools* with Kindy Segovia from KISD. This technology workshop is offered to all parents and students and will be held in the Community Board Room, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

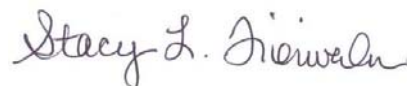
Steve Edison reported on the pledge collection at a very high level. He also wished to express condolences on behalf of the Board on the passing of Laura VanderWall, City of EGR Finance Director.

Dr. Shubel announced the upcoming EGR Foundation event, *Hurrah!* to be held on March 19 at the Bissell Aviation Hangar.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:34 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 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.

