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**EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Kent County, Michigan

**SPECIAL 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

**Friday, March 4, 2011**

**MINUTES**

The **SPECIAL MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Friday, March 4, 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, Peter Ruppert, Robert Minnema

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Kevin Philipps, Doug Jenkins, Jenny Fee, Craig Weigel, Peter Stuursma, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Heidi Sunderhaft, Linda Kehm, Scott Robertson

Meeting Called to Order

Brian Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments – None

**PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

Budget Work Session

In following our Strategic Plan and Mission Statement as we develop a budget, Kevin Philipps presented on budget projections, the effects of potential legislation, and a potential strategy for the next two years. Budget Assumptions based on the governor's budget proposal were reviewed, including funding, retirement rate, health care, and wages.

Budget Deficits are projected to be \$2,044,173 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, increasing to \$3,755,055 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. EGR fund balance allowance, health care costs, and retirement contribution rate were reviewed. A history of recent budget reductions since 2003-2004 was reviewed. The past two year's implemented budget reductions were presented. To reach \$2,044,173 million in reductions for 2011-2012, we would need to implement reductions equivalent to the past two years combined. Items that were not implemented to balance the budget last year were reviewed again.

Philipps presented 2011-2012 Potential Concepts to balance the 2011-2012 budget. These concepts were a combination of personnel reductions and other efficiencies. The impacts on the district of potential legislation were presented including the Health Care Contribution Bill and changes in laws with the expiration of collective bargaining agreements.

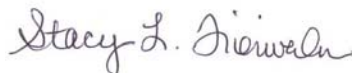
Philipps presented two potential plans to work through the budget process: Plan A Recommendation includes implementing as many non-program efficiencies/reductions as possible for 2011-2012, and use fund equity to balance. Plan B Recommendation includes \$1.3 million in cuts, \$700,000 use of fund balance (13% ending balance).

A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board. The decision was made to move forward with Plan A, forming budget focus groups this spring to work on prioritizing program efficiencies and reductions for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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