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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, March 14, 2011

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, March 14, 2011, in the Community Board Room of the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Present: Brian Ellis, Steve Edison, Stacy Trierweiler, Julie Ridenour, Michelle Rabideau, Peter Ruppert

Absent: Robert Minnema

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jenny Fee, Peter Stuursma, Caroline Breault-Cannon, Heidi Sunderhaft, Linda Kehm

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 a thank you from Vikki Boersma for the Schuler gift card on the birth of her daughter, Morgan.

High School Student Council President's Report

Kyle Seasily, Senior Class President, reported that the Student Council is preparing for graduation and has scheduled *Battle of the Bands* in May, with half of the proceeds going to charity. Student Council Elections will be held in April.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of *We the People*

Dr. Shubel and Jenny Fee congratulated the *We the People* team for their accomplishments in winning the state championship. Dr. Shubel announced that she and Craig Weigel will attend the national competition in April in Washington, D.C. Jenny presented the students and coaches with certificates of recognition. Brian Ellis presented a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the Board in their fundraising efforts and wished them well at the national competition.

Hybrid World Language Presentation

Jeanne Glowicki introduced Kim Ibara, World Language teacher, who presented on the Hybrid World Language program. Kim provided details of the courses and shared a video presentation. Kim also displayed survey results demonstrating the students' level of performance/accomplishments in the class.

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

Report on February Professional Development Days

Jeanne Glowicki reported on the February Professional Development days. A video presentation was shared, and Jeanne provided an overview of the learning that took place during these two days. Over 80% of staff completed the survey, and these results were shared with the Board.

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

Recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation May 2-6, 2011

Dr. Shubel announced that *Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week* is May 2-6, 2011.

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 10 through 17.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 2/21/2011 (Enclosure #10)
Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 03/04/2011 (Enclosure #11)
Approval of Payment of Bills for February 2011 (Enclosure #12)
Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #7630 and 7630-R (Graduation Requirements) (Enclosure #13)
Approval of Proposed High School Links Course
Approval of Addendum to K-12 Physical Education Curriculum
Approval of High School Spring Athletic Overnight Trip (Enclosure #16)
Approval of Foreign Exchange Student (Enclosure #17)

Stacy Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 10 through 17. Steve Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Numbers for the 2011-2012 Schools of Choice Program

Dr. Shubel provided background information regarding the process for deciding on the number of Schools of Choice students to accept into the district. Elementary class sizes were considered in determining the number of students accepted at the elementary level. There was a net of 104 students new to the district during the 2010-2011 school year, above the norm, and considering district wide incremental growth of approximately 50 students, our elementary class sizes are ideal without considering Schools of Choice for the 2011-2012 school year. All confirmed new enrollments for the next school were taken into consideration; therefore, the recommendation for no Schools of Choice openings. This should not be construed as not being supportive of the Schools of Choice program, and it is very likely that the potential will exist to provide Schools of Choice openings in future years.

Julie Ridenour moved to accept 0 students in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2011-2012 school year. Michelle Rabideau seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel announced that she, Brian Ellis, Steve Edison, and Elizabeth Lykins from the Legislative Committee will attend the Legislative Conference in Lansing this week. They are hoping to have a conversation with representatives regarding the impact of the Governor's proposed budget on EGRPS.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

None

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

RTI Brochure (Enclosure #21) - Jeanne Glowicki shared the Response to Intervention (RTI) brochure.

Preschool Curriculum – Jeanne reported that the Preschool 3-year-old program is full, and the 4-year-old program has a waiting list. There is also one slot of inclusion with the speech preschool class. There is one additional half day offered for an “extended K” classroom. We are looking at adding a Spanish, Music, and PE component to the preschool offering.

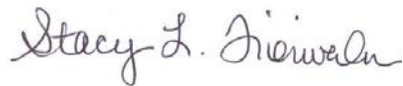
Board of Education Members' Report

None

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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