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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, May 23, 2011

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, May 23, 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, Michelle Rabideau, Peter Ruppert, Robert Minnema

Absent: Julie Ridenour

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

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

Public Comments

Nancy McSkimming – 1730 Andover Lane, EGREA President commented on proposed budget reductions and ELA curriculum.

Dale Streeter – 8th grade teacher, commented on proposed budget reductions.

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board – Stacy Trierweiler

The Board received:

- a thank you from Brian VanderBee for the Schuler gift card on the birth of his daughter, Phiona.
- The Board received communication in response to the Board's legislative letter from Stephenie Smiddy.
- The Board sent communication with a petition to Michigan Legislators regarding the Governor's Proposed Budget.
- The Board received communication on a personnel issue from Estella Brown.
- The Board received communication on a personnel issue from Amy Knappe.
- The Board received communication on proposed budget reductions from Shari Bayer.
- The Board received communication on proposed budget reductions from the following middle school teachers:

Tia Carmichael	Pete Miller	Laura Woolford
Danielle Smith	Maureen Hart	Kris Greiffendorf
Laurie Potter	Erika Iannuzzi	Terri Clay
Harry Coffill	Holly Lampen	John MacKenzie
Cassandra Rood	Jill Smith	

- The Board received a thank you from Janyce Huff's AP Biology Class for their support and attendance during their presentations at the Van Andel Institute.

High School Student Council President's Report

Kyle Seasy, Senior Class President, introduced next year's Student Council President, Ian Kelly. Kyle reported that \$4000 was raised to help support the needs of Japan after the devastating tsunami. Prom was held last week with 350 tickets sold.

President Ellis thanked Kyle for his leadership and congratulated him on his upcoming graduation from high school.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of Dr. Jim Borst on receiving the 2011 Touchstone Award by the Michigan Youth Arts

Dr. Shubel and high school principal, Jenny Fee, recognized EGR high school music teacher, Dr. Jim Borst, who earned the 2011 Touchstone Award by Michigan Youth Arts.

Dr. Borst thanked the Board and Administration for recognizing this honor and thanked the Board and Administration for their support.

Recognition of Jenny Frazier on receiving the 2011 Barbara Ort-Smith Award by the Michigan World Language Association

Dr. Shubel and high school principal, Jenny Fee, recognized EGR high school teacher, Jenny Frazier, who earned the 2011 Barbara-Ort Smith Award, a lifetime teaching excellence award.

Jenny Frazier thanked the Board for recognizing this honor and thanked the Board and Administration for their support.

ELA Presentation (Enclosure #8)

Jeanne Glowicki introduced teachers, Michelle Battle, Heather McKinney-Rewa, and Carlye Wilk, who presented on the English Language Arts Curriculum. Jeanne provided background information on ELA Curriculum with Phase I being presented tonight. Phase I emphasis was on Research, 21st Century Skills, and Aligned Curriculum with Common Core and GLCE's/HSCE's.

Carlye Wilk presented on Elementary Beliefs, Grades Y5-5 including Reading Records, handwriting grip, and uninterrupted reading block. A "balanced literacy" approach was discussed.

Michelle Battle presented on Literacy Culture for K-5 Recommendations including a 90-minute reading and writing block, the Continuum providing an integrated list of grammatical skills for each grade level, Handwriting Without Tears program, development of Book Rooms, and Benchmark Assessments. Michelle thanked the Foundation, PTAs, and administrators for their support, research, collaborative efforts, and generous financial contributions to the Book Rooms at the elementary schools.

Heather McKinney-Rewa presented on the middle school and high school beliefs which included inquiry-based, self-directed, meaningful learning. Reading, writing, and speech are an area of focus. Heather reported on Speaking, Listening, and Viewing as an important and relevant piece of teaching literacy. The use of technology was reported on as such an exciting interactive tool for students to engage them in their learning and understanding of materials.

Jeanne reported on Phase II (2011-2012) of first semester full team, and second semester implementation team, and Phase II was briefly presented to the Board.

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

Julie Ridenour arrived at 8:00 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 9 through 17.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 4/18/2011 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 4/26/2011 – Budget Workshop (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 4/26/2011- Superintendent's End-Year Evaluation (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Payment of Bills for March 2011 (Enclosure #12)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #8320 (Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices) (Enclosure #13)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #4510 (Computer Network) (Enclosure #14)

Approval of Recommendation for PASE Committee Members for 2011-2012 (Enclosure #15)

Approval of Overnight Student Activity (Enclosure #16)

Proposed Middle School Course: Pre-Algebra

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 9 through 17. Member Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Resolution of Kent ISD School Board Election (Enclosure #18)

President Ellis provided background information regarding the Kent ISD School Board Election. Under Section 614(2) of the Revised School Code, the Board adopts the resolution of the Kent ISD School Board Election for the purpose of designating a voting delegate and alternate from each constituent district as described in Enclosure #18.

Member Trierweiler moved to pass the Kent ISD School Board Election Resolution as described in Enclosure #18. Member Ruppert seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of KISD Budget for 2011-2012 (Enclosure #19)

The State of Michigan requires that local school boards review their ISD's proposed budget and act in support or non-support of the budget. The Finance Committee has discussed the KISD 2011-2012 budget and recommends support.

Member Ridenour moved to support the KISD Budget for 2011-2012 as presented in Enclosure #19. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Extension (Enclosure #20)

The Board conducted the annual evaluation of Dr. Shubel on April 26, 2011. They reviewed the Superintendent's goals and her performance. Board President, Brian Ellis, presented a summary evaluation for Board approval. President Ellis stated that the Board and Dr. Shubel had in depth conversation and a review of the goals and progress made this year toward those goals.

President Ellis moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation and extend her contract by one year to June 30, 2014. Member Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel acknowledged the staff members who will receive Tenure at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. Dr. Shubel also recognized the *We The People* team for their 5th place honor at the National Competition in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Shubel announced the Board of Education Organizational Meeting to take place on July 1, 2011, at 7:30 a.m.

Dr. Shubel announced that the High School Graduation Ceremony will be held on May 26, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Kevin Philipps reported on the May 2011 Revenue Conference presenting on School Aid Fund revenues, future School Aid Fund revenues, and General Fund revenues. The Potential SAF budget deal was discussed. Governor and legislative leaders potentially have a framework to "reduce" \$300/pupil cut for 2011-2012. \$310 million of additional revenues would be dedicated to K-12 including \$160 million used as a one-time payment to MSPERS to lower the rate from 24.46% to 22.78%. MSPERS rate for 2012-2013 would still be 27.37%. \$150 million would be available statewide in a "one-time" categorical for districts that meet at least four of five "best practices." The Legislature will state that this reduced the cut from \$300 to \$99, but it should be recognized that the additional funds are for one year only.

"Best Practices" were explained as the District is the "policy holder" for health plan(s); employees share at least 10% of health care costs; District takes bids on non-instructional services that exceed \$50,000; having a "dashboard" on the district website; and providing evidence that the district is currently collaborating with another entity in some manner.

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

President Ellis expressed his gratification for the incredible team we have in our administration who lead the district with such strength and knowledge, moving our district forward regardless of the financial difficulties we are faced with due to the proposed state budget.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki reported on Summer Learning opportunities for staff as provided in Enclosure #23.

Board of Education Members' Report

Member Trierweiler congratulated our newly elected board member, Beth Milanowski, and returning member, Brian Ellis.

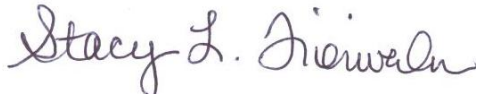
Member Edison recognized our arts programs in the district, specifically the *Phantom of the Opera* performance, which showcased an incredible integration of the arts within our academic programs. Edison reported that the recent events including Honors Assembly, *We The People* competition, music programs, and Van Andel Institute presentations by high school AP Biology students were all phenomenal experiences.

President Ellis announced the June 6 Budget Hearing, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:37 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.