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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, June 6, 2011

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 6, 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, Julie Ridenour

Absent: None

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, Anthony Morey

Meeting Called to Order

President Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None

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

The Board received communication from:

- Galen De Young on special education data
- Toby and Jill Gebben on a personnel issue
- Mark Wassink on proposed budget reductions
- Lori Vanden Bosch on a personnel issue

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Budget Hearing: 2011-2012 General Fund Budget – Enclosure #4

President Ellis explained the process of the Budget Hearing, involving a discussion to be held among the Board with no action to be taken this evening.

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, provided an overview of the budget hearing process, focusing on the main aspects and how the District attempts to allocate funds to fulfill Strategic Plan goals. A review of projections from the April 18, 2011, meeting was discussed, as well as changes to budget assumptions since April. Revised budget projections and revised budget reduction recommendations were presented. The School Aid Budget has been finalized resulting in an EGR Foundation Allowance of \$7397. School Aid Budget "intent" language was also presented. Philipps reported on other budget variables including health care, taxable values, and the taxable value impact on the general fund budget. The 2011-2012 budget comparisons were presented with and without "best practices." Philipps presented a budget reduction update of the recommended four categorized groupings. Other staffing changes in the proposed budget were also discussed. The final proposed budget with recommended reductions for 2011-2012 with and without "best practices" funding changes were reported. Philipps reported on the state rankings of revenue and expenses of all 783 public and charter school districts. Medical and health benefits, retirement contribution rate, and total comp analysis over the last five years was reviewed. Personnel costs equate to 86.1% of the General Fund budget. Philipps reported on the Sinking Fund and Debt Retirement Fund budgets. Philipps summarized the budget presentation with the fact that legislature has significantly changed the budget process, the School Aid Fund, and the budget in general, and that we should celebrate the outcome of the EGR budget recommendations even with the legislative obstacles we face.

President Ellis proceeded to public comments.

Public Comments - President Ellis explained the ground rules and then opened the floor for public comments.

The following persons commented on the proposed budget recommendations:

Julie Gotch – 2053 Wilshire
Kevin Gotch – 2053 Wilshire

Beth Milanowski – 2640 Hall Street
Hailey McLachlin - 1045 Keneberry Way

Board of Education Discussion

The Board entered into a budget discussion and acknowledged the efforts of the community, administration, and board efforts while working through the budget process. Although revisions in budget recommendations have been made, we are still facing future budget challenges. President Ellis clarified that the budget process is not finalized in that the Board will continue to deliberate and work toward budget adoption on June 13, 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 item in the Consent Agenda, Number 7.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 5/23/2011 (Enclosure #7)

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2011 Millage Rates for the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement, Sinking Fund, and Recreation Millage–(Enclosure #8)

Member Ridenour moved to approve the 2011 Millage Rates as described in Enclosure #8. Member Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that there is a lot of excitement with the end of the school year activities.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

None.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

None.

Board of Education Members' Report

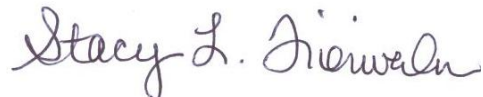
President Ellis thanked Kevin Philipps for his expertise and organization in planning for the budget recommendations.

President Ellis announced the next board meeting to be held June 13, 7:00 p.m., in the Community Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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