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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 13, 2011

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, June 13, 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, Robert Minnema, Julie Ridenour

Absent: Peter Ruppert

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

Meeting Called to Order

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

Acknowledgment of Guests – Member Trierweiler acknowledged her son, Alec Trierweiler and his guest, for attending tonight's board meeting in recognition of his mother's service and retirement with the EGR Board of Education.

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:

Eileen Enright - 737 Cambridge Blvd

Holly Bogo – 1628 Pontiac

Frances Carroll - 530 Edgemere

The following persons commented on a staffing reassignment recommendation:

Rhonda Markham, 2200 Heather

Kathy Waugh – 727 San Jose

Sue Lewis – 1535 Lake Grove

Ellen Waugh – 727 San Jose

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

The Board received a thank you note from Emily Jo Ziemba on the birth of her son, Eli Patrick.

The Board received communication from the following people on proposed budget reductions:

Elizabeth Bogo

Emma Hall

Nick Judson

Julie Gotch

Eileen Enright

Pam Steers

Holly Bogo

Trent Wadsworth

The Board received communication from Reid Trierweiler on a staffing reassignment recommendation.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

None.

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 5-7.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 06/06/2011 (Enclosure #5)

Approval of Payment of Bills for May 2011 (Enclosure #6)

Approval of ELA Curriculum

Member Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 5-7. Member Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2010-2011 Final Budget Amendments (Enclosure #8)

Background: The Finance Committee has reviewed the final amendment to the 2010-2011 General Fund, Athletic, Food Service, Sinking Fund, and Debt Retirement Budgets.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget Amendment as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Member Ridenour moved to approve the 2010-2011 Final Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of 2011-2012 General Fund Budget (Enclosure #9)

Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business, presented the 2011-2012 Proposed Budget and the 2012-2013 Forecast.

Member Ridenour moved to approve the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget. Member Edison seconded the motion. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

Member Edison moved to reinstate the 20% reduction in the PAC budget through the generation of revenues equaling the \$25,000 expense reduction in the form of pay-to-participate fees or contributions from support groups. If additional revenues could not be generated, then it is a negative hit of \$25K to fund balance. No second for the motion.

Motion passed 6-0 for the approval of the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget as originally presented in Enclosure # 9.

Member Edison expressed that the staff has done a fantastic job in debating about cuts outside of the classroom. Member Rabideau commended the staff and community on the positive energy and creative enthusiasm demonstrated during the process of needing to look at things differently.

Approval of 2011-2012 Budget for Debt Retirement (Enclosure #10)

Kevin Philipps presented the 2011-2012 Budget for Debt Retirement.

Member Trierweiler moved to approve the 2011-2012 Budget for Debt Retirement. Member Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of 2011-2012 Budget for the Sinking Fund (Enclosure #11)

Kevin Philipps presented the 2011-2012 Budget for the Sinking Fund.

Member Ridenour moved to approve the 2011-2012 Budget for the Sinking Fund. Member Edison seconded the motion. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of State Aid Loan Resolution (Enclosure #12)

Kevin Philipps presented the State Aid Loan Resolution.

Member Minnema moved to approve the State Aid Loan Resolution. Member Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Bus Purchase (Enclosure #13) – Kevin Philipps

Kevin Philipps presented the bids to purchase a bus.

Member Ridenour moved to approve the bid from Capital City Bus Sales to purchase a bus as described in Enclosure #13. Member Edison seconded the motion. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Laptop Bids (Enclosure #14) – Kevin Philipps and Doug Jenkins

Kevin Philipps presented bids for laptops and the recommendation to use allocated bond money to purchase 100 Apple MacBooks and necessary periphery equipment in the amount of \$86,099.72.

Member Edison moved to approve the Laptop Bids as described in Enclosure #14. Member Trierweiler seconded the motion. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of GASB54 Fund Balance Policy (Enclosure #15) – Kevin Philipps

Kevin Philipps presented on the new accounting policy referred to as GASB54. Recommendation to approve a fund balance policy that would meet the requirements of GASB54. This policy would be disclosed in the footnotes of our financial audit annually.

Member Edison moved to approve the GASB54 Fund Balance Policy. Member Ridenour seconded the motion. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

Member Edison moved to amend the policy to reflect that the Finance Committee would recommend assigning fund balance to the full board instead of having the authority to assign fund balance outright. Member Ellis seconded the motion. Amended motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

- Dr. Shubel acknowledged staff members who have retired at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
- Dr. Shubel reported on reflections of the school year and the successes in our district and thanked everyone for an incredible year.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

- None

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

- Ms. Glowicki announced the Countywide Diversity Kickoff on August 25, 2011, at Godwin High School Auditorium

Board of Education Members' Report

President Ellis and Dr. Shubel announced special recognitions:

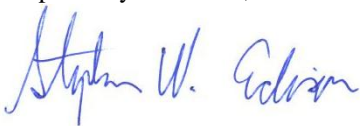
- Lucy Lafleur and Elizabeth Lykins for their efforts and contributions to the district through their work with the Legislative Committee
- Larry Fisher on his retirement as the Director of Guidance and his commitment and dedication to EGR Public Schools for the past 19 years
- Stacy Trierweiler for her dedication and commitment to EGR Public Schools as a school board member for the past eight years

President Ellis announced the next board meeting to be held July 1, 2011, 7:30 a.m., in the Community Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen W. Edison, Secretary

East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

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