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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, December 5, 2011

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, December 5, 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, Beth Milanowski, Bob Minnema, Peter Ruppert

Absent: Michelle Rabideau

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

Meeting Called to Order

President 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 – Steve Edison

- The Board received communication from Max Eerdmans on schools' funding situations.
- The Board sent communication to Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons regarding public comments.
- The Board received congratulations from the Michigan Association of School Boards on Wealthy Elementary School being named one of Michigan's *Beating the Odds* schools.
- The Board received communication from Anne Risch, Tracy Miller-Rider, and Karin Lannon on technology.
- The Board received letters of application thus far for the Board Trustee position from Polly Diven, Mark Hessler, Susan Levine, Rick Ostrander, Trish Reid, Rebecca Stein, and Terry Stockton. The application deadline is 12:00 p.m. on December 8.

High School Student Council President's Report

Ian Kelly, Senior Class President, reported that the Student Council is in the midst of their annual food drive. Individual families were assigned to teachers with the hope of receiving more food for the drive. Over \$1000 was raised for Casa de Familia. The annual Arts & Crafts Show fundraiser is completed which was successful. A blood drive will be held in early February.

EGREA President's Report

Nancy McSkimming, EGREA President, thanked the board for including staff in the budget focus groups. Staff is looking forward to the annual EGREA holiday party this Friday, December 9 and invited the board and administration to attend.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Recognition of East Grand Rapids Commended Students in the 2011 Merit Scholarship Competition (Enclosure #7a)

Jenny Fee and Lori Johnston introduced the commended students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition. High school students, Jonathon Lorenz and Grady Theisen were recognized and congratulated on their academic successes.

Recognition of East Grand Rapids High School Junior, Lauren Gallagher, selected to the United States Senate Page Program (Enclosure #7b)

Jenny Fee and Craig Weigel introduced high school junior, Lauren Gallagher, who has been selected among an exclusive group of students to be a Senate Page for Carl Levin. Craig Weigel provided background information on the Senate Page program, indicating that there are only 30 spots available nationally.

Recognition of 2011 Division 2 Girls Cross Country State Championship Team

Dr. Shubel and Nick Hopkins introduced the Girls Cross Country team and recognized their accomplishments of the season, culminating in the 2011 Division 2 State Championship.

Presentation of East Grand Rapids High School Guidance Report (Enclosure #9)

Lori Johnston presented the 2011 High School Guidance Report, reporting on college applications and acceptance numbers, ACT scores indicating college readiness, and ACT vs SAT comparisons and explanations. Historical data was also presented. Advanced placement testing and courses were detailed, as well as the number of students who take the tests, as well as overall results.

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

Engage 1:1 Laptop Presentation (Enclosure #10)

Doug Jenkins, Director of Technology, provided background information and academic research on the Engage 1:1 Laptop Pilot Program and introduced Heather McKinney, Mark Pullen, and Canny Gould, teachers who have been piloting the program in their classrooms.

Mark Pullen, 3rd grade teacher at Lakeside, reported that the Engage Pilot Program was driven by the district's Strategic Plan, as well as the process of becoming a 1:1 classroom. Mark Pullen and Heather McKinney, high school teacher, provided an explanation of student activities in a 1:1 classroom. Collaboration, publishing, formative assessments, and differentiation potentials were detailed. It was explained that this program is not a replacement for traditional teaching; rather it is another tool in the teacher's toolbox.

Jenkins outlined the three-year professional learning for the rollout of the program for grades 3-12, Fall 2012 through Spring 2014. Lease, purchase, and scholarship options were outlined. Jenkins provided a timeline of staff involvement and training, as well as communications to the board and parents. Community FAQs will be offered.

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

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 11-15.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 10/24/2011 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Payment of Bills for October, 2011 (Enclosure #12)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #9250 and #9250-R – Use of District Facilities (Enclosure #13)

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy #3340-R – Fees, Payments, and Rentals (Enclosure #14)

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #15)

Member Minnema moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 11-15. Member Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2011-2012 Amended Budget (Enclosure #16)

Background: Each fall, the Board Finance Committee recommends a Budget Amendment to the Board of Education. The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed amendment.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the amendment for the 2011-2012 budget as listed in Enclosure #16.

Kevin Philipps presented details of the 2011-2012 Amended Budget including the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund amendment, Sinking Fund, and Debt Retirement Fund. The original budget was reviewed. A summary of revenue changes, as well as a summary of expense changes were outlined. Philipps described the 2012-2013 Future Budget Projection., 2012-2013 Budget Assumptions, and a Potential Variation to Assumptions. Kevin provided the 2012-2013 Budget Development Process Update indicating that the budget survey is completed with 580 community responses and 113 staff responses. The results of the surveys will be shared, along with focus group feedback after the New Year.

Member Edison moved to approve the Resolution as presented in Enclosure #16. Member Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

- Dr. Shubel presented the EGR Schools Foundation Grants Worksheet as detailed in Enclosure #17. The annual Foundation fundraiser date has been established, and Hurrah will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012.
- Dr. Shubel announced two special board meetings upcoming; the Curriculum Work Session and Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation, to be held on December 12, 2011.
- Dr. Shubel announced the All Staff Holiday Breakfast will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011. All board members are invited to attend.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

None.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

- Jeanne Glowicki presented board members with this year's February Professional Development sessions, with over 60 sessions scheduled for the two days.
- Jeanne Glowicki invited board members to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration to be held on Monday, January 16, 2012.

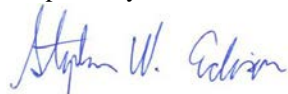
Board of Education Members' Report

- President Ellis proposed a change to board meeting start times to 6:00 p.m. beginning January 9, 2012. Member Edison moved to change the scheduled meeting time of board meetings to 6:00 p.m. for any evening meeting, beginning January 9, 2012. Member Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- President Ellis explained the Board Candidate Process and outlined the schedule of proposed interviews to take place in December.
- President Ellis announced the next board meeting will be held December 12, 2011, 5:00 p.m., in the Community Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen W. Edison, 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.