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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, April 16, 2012

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, April 16, 2012, 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, Bob Minnema, Michelle Rabideau, Susan Levine, Beth Milanowski

Absent: Peter Ruppert

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

Meeting Called to Order

President Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – None.

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

- Dawn Wise-Wealthy Elementary secretary and EGRASE President, commented on the proposed budget reductions.
- Wende Johnson – EGRPS Childcare/Preschool Secretary, commented on the proposed budget reductions.
- Steve Brinks - 2060 Osceola Drive, EGR middle school teacher, commented on the proposed budget reductions.
- Elizabeth Kazmierski – 929 Maxwell, commented on the Engage 1:1 initiative.
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- John Blackport - 4646 Morningside Drive, commented on the proposed budget reductions.
- Jennie Frazier - 7815 Creekwood, EGR foreign language teacher, commented on the proposed budget reductions.
- Eileen Enright - 737 Cambridge Blvd, commented on the proposed budget reductions.
- Ian Kelly - Student Council President, presented a check to the EGR Now campaign through the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation from El Barrio in the amount of \$386 on behalf of the Spanish Club.

Board Secretary's Report: Communications to and from the Board – Steve Edison

- The Board received communication from Leslie Black Smith, Jeff Condon, Matthew Stein, Michael Kazmierski, and Elizabeth Kazmierski on the Engage 1:1 initiative.
- The Board received a Thank You from Julie Ridenour for the gift she received in recognition of her six years of service on the EGRPS Board of Education.
- The Board received communication from Tom Ainsworth on athletics.
- The Board received communication from Mark Hessler on his announcement of candidacy for the East Grand Rapids School Board.
- The Board received communication from the following people on the proposed budget reductions:

Martha Abbott

Zoe Barnes

Deb Bonner

Laura Nork Bradshaw

Bridget Campbell

Joe Donohue

Maria Fabrizio

Jenna Dominique

Maddy Karsten

Sandy Kuhatschek

Amanda Schultz

Emily Spinelli

Maddie Vaughn

Lauren VerMeulen

High School Student Council President's Report

Ian Kelly, Senior Class President, reported on the involvement of students in the EGR Now Campaign, going door-to-door to increase support for EGR Now and solicit donations in the future. It is Campaign Week for Student Council in preparation of electing new members.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Proposed K-12 Math and Integration of Common Core (Enclosure #6)

Jeanne Glowicki introduced math teachers, Mark Pullen, Dale Streeter, and Tim Farmer, who will present on the Proposed K-12 Math and Integration of Common Core. An overview of the presentation was outlined. Common Core standards were explained. K-12 Mathematics Curriculum will be two-tiered, with GLCE/HSCE and CC.

Mark Pullen, elementary math teacher, presented on the proposal for the elementary level and Common Core. Dale Streeter, middle school math teacher, presented on the middle school and Common Core, explaining that Common Core is more detailed than the Grade Level Content Expectations. Tim Farmer, high school math teacher, presented on the high school content expectations and the integration of Common Core in mathematical practices and standards. Jeanne Glowicki summarized the Integration of Common Core as presented to the Board. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

First Reading of Revised Policy #4510 – Computer Network (Enclosure #7)

Jenny Fee presented a background and overview of revised Policy #4510 as detailed in Enclosure #7.

First Reading of Revised Policy #7630 – Graduation Requirements (Enclosure #8)

Jenny Fee presented a background and overview of revised Policy #7630 as detailed in Enclosure #8.

First Reading of Revised Policy #8315 – Honesty Policy (Enclosure #9)

Jenny Fee presented a background and overview of revised Policy #8315 as detailed in Enclosure #9.

First Reading of Revised Policy #8320 – Student Use of Electronic Devices (Enclosure #10)

Jenny Fee presented a background and overview of revised Policy #8320 as detailed in Enclosure #10.

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

Recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation May 7-11, 2012 – Dr. Shubel

Dr. Shubel announced that Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 7-11, 2012, and she thanked our teachers and support staff for their dedication and commitment to our students. Our many parent volunteers were also recognized for their involvement in our community.

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 12-17.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 3/12/2012 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Payment of Bills for March 2012 (Enclosure #13)

Approval of Proposed AP English (Enclosure #14)

Approval of Proposed Environmental Science (Enclosure #15)

Approval of Overnight Trip – Wealthy (Enclosure #16)

Acceptance of Grants from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation (Enclosure #17)

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 12-17. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policy (Enclosure #18)

Background: The IRS has stated recently that tax-exempt debt obligations will be subject to increased oversight. The increase in oversight will result in additional requirements after the closing of a debt obligation. Thrun Law, the district's bond counsel, has drafted a resolution and associated best practice policy to ensure compliance with these additional requirements. Thrun recommends approving the resolution and associated policy.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the post-issuance tax compliance policy resolution as presented.

Kevin Philipps reported on the IRS requirement of compliance with the recent reports and IRS guidance resolution and policy.

Member Minnema moved to approve the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policy as presented in Enclosure #18. Member Levine seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board.

Member Edison moved to amend the motion to include the Assistant Superintendent of Business, Kevin Philipps, as the Debt Compliance Officer. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Bid to Provide Audit Services (Enclosure #19)

Kevin Philipps presented the Bid to Provide Audit Services as presented in Enclosure #19.

Member Rabideau moved to approve the Approval of Bid to Provide Audit Services as presented in Enclosure #19. Member Levine seconded the motion. A discussion was held with questions and answers from the Board. Motion passed 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel reported that proposed legislations from the state are constantly being reviewed by our administration, and we will continue to keep everyone informed of updates and changes.

Assistant Supt. of Business

Kevin Philipps provided an overview of the State Budget Update. Senate Bill 1040-MSPERS Reform detailed the pension and health care changes, reflecting a potential retirement rate decrease of 3.5% (\$450,000 savings to the district in 2012-2013).

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

Dr. Shubel congratulated Kevin Philipps on his recent nomination to the MSPERS Board.

Assistant Supt. of Instruction

None.

Board Representative Reports

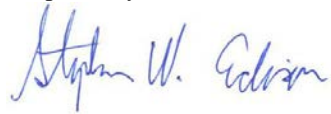
President Ellis announced that Dr. Shubel's End-of-the-Year Evaluation will be held in a Closed Session meeting on April 24, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. The next Regular board meeting will be held on May 21, 2012, 6:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room.

Susan Levine announced her intent to apply for candidacy to the EGR Board of Education in the November election.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:25 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.
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