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*Educating and inspiring each student  
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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, February 13, 2012

### MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, February 13, 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, Peter Ruppert, Michelle Rabideau, Beth Milanowski, Susan Levine

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Jeanne Glowicki, Kevin Philipps, 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 6:00 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – President Ellis welcomed State of Michigan Representative, Peter MacGregor. Rep. MacGregor wished to meet board members and announced that he currently represents the 73<sup>rd</sup> District, which EGR will become a part of when redistricting takes effect in 2013. He looks forward to working together as a team and address educational issues in our state.

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

The Board received communication on technology from:

Bryan Bolea	Coeli Fitzpatrick	Cathy Harro	Walter Sa
Jing Chen	Jocelyn Flint	Liang Lou	Lynn Shackelford
John Constantelos	Heidi Ford	Michael McDaniel	John Uglietta
Robert Deaner	Gretchen Galbraith	Paul Murphy	
Polly Diven	Steven Gerow	Anne Risch	

The Board received a Thank You from Kaelynn Benham for the Schuler gift card on the birth of her son, Daniel.

The Board received communication from Lapeer Community Schools Board President, Peggy Bush, on a Resolution to Stop Borrowing Against the State.

The Board received communication from Mark Donnelly on the MLK Celebration.

### High School Student Council President's Report

Ian Kelly, Senior Class President, reported that the Student Council has focused most of its recent efforts on Kabookie Week, with positive feedback. Ian provided background information on the formation of the committee that organized the week's activities. This year's Blood Drive brought in a record number of donors, with 109 donors. Each class will focus on individual service projects. Juniors are planning Prom, and Student Council will support them with their planning. The Clothing Drive was also successful with donations going to the Inner City Christian Federation. Winter Whirl was held this past weekend which was well attended and enjoyable.

### PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

#### Recognition of *We the People* State Championship (Enclosure #5)

Dr. Shubel and Jenny Fee commended the *We The People* coach, Janice Yates, and student coaches and students who worked so hard to compete in the state level competition and recognized them for their accomplishment in winning the State Championship. Mrs. Yates announced that several fund raising events are taking place, as \$50,000 is needed to send the team to the National Competition in Washington, D.C.

Recognition of Butch Briggs for being named 2011 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches Association (Enclosure #6)

Dr. Shubel recognized EGR swim coach, Butch Briggs, on his National Coach of the Year Award, and thanked him for his dedication and commitment to our student athletes and the swimming program in EGR. Briggs was unable to attend the meeting.

Recognition of Peter Stuursma for being named 2011 State Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches Association (Enclosure #7)

Dr. Shubel recognized Peter Stuursma on his State Football Coach of the Year Award and thanked him for his passion and dedication in working with our football program and student athletes. Stuursma accepted the award on behalf of the entire football program and players and assistant coaches.

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

Jeanne Glowicki - Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, commented on behalf of the Administrative Team on the 1:1 Rollout.

Anne Risch - 2107 Anderson, commented in opposition to the Engage 1:1 rollout.

John Constantelos - 1727 Franklin, commented in opposition to the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Sean Lancaster - 2544 Boston, commented in support of the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Susie Gerow - 1635 Seminole, commented in opposition to the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Mark Pullen - 2360 El Dorado, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Lakeside, commented in support of the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Tamara Christians - 1111 Idema Dr., commented in support of the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Elizabeth Welch Lykins - 955 Cambridge, commented in support of the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Rob Deaner - 957 Lakeside Dr., commented on concerns of the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Amna Seibold - 2809 Woodcliff Circle – commented on support of the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Tom Rider - 2114 Anderson, commented on support and concerns of the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Gerry Ford - 1646 Sherman, commented on concerns of the Engage 1:1 rollout.

Member Edison thanked everyone for coming this evening to express concerns and support for the Engage 1:1 initiative. He stated that best efforts were made to be open and transparent regarding the initiative and felt comfortable that we have been trying to do that. With financial aspects seeming to be the biggest area of concern, Edison announced that the meeting on February 15 at the high school will allow for further information to be shared with the community. Implementation of this initiative is scheduled to begin in the fall, which gives people several months to become engaged and have a better understanding. Our hope is that we will have addressed all concerns as we work through the implementation. Edison believes this is a win-win for students.

Member Ruppert appreciates the input and feedback from the community. To address some of the concerns that the community was not well informed of the initiative, he stated that, despite the administration's best efforts, this may have been missed. Our expectation is that these 1:1 devices will be used as a tool to enhance learning in the classroom, and this is what is driving the board to support the initiative. Ruppert stated that we need to work together to pull this off successfully going forward because this is positioning our students for more success in the future.

Member Milanowski thanked and acknowledged everyone for their comments. Having had three of her children involved in the pilot classrooms, she affirmed that their learning does go farther and that because of this our administration has asked for board support. Milanowski indicated that she will continue to be supportive based on what we have already been shown. She encouraged the community to continue to ask questions which the board and administration will address.

President Ellis also acknowledged the comments and concerns brought forth. He encouraged everyone to give the Engage 1:1 initiative a chance to roll out. He also encouraged parents to attend the Parent Night on February 15. He emphasized that this initiative is voluntary and encouraged. Ellis reported that there has never been another program in the district that has its own web page to provide such detailed information to the community. He acknowledged that comments are taken seriously and taken under advisement as we move forward.

Recognition of Michigan School Principals' Week – February 12-18, 2012 (Enclosure #9)

Dr. Shubel announced that February 12-18 is Michigan School Principals' Week and expressed gratitude to our outstanding administrators in the district for their leadership and the wonderful job they do with our students.

President Ellis also expressed his appreciation of our administrative team.

Proposed High School Math Online (Enclosure #10)

Jeanne Glowicki, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, introduced Tim Farmer, high school math teacher and head of the mathematics department at high school, who presented the high school math online proposal. Farmer provided background of the proposal with the focus on Algebra I and Geometry courses. The Math Implementation Team has continued to research and look for creative ways to consider next texts and resources. Engage 1:1 has allowed for online resources. The breadth and depth of resources and consistency with the middle school and Common Core is already integrated. There is also strong support with professional development opportunities for staff. Farmer indicated that the proposal presented this evening is financially feasible, and Jeanne Glowicki presented the budget for the proposed math online options. A motion to approve the high school math online program will be requested at the March 12 board meeting.

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 11-13.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 1/9/2012 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL Meeting of 2/9/2012 – Curriculum Work Session (Enclosure #12)

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

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 11-13. Member Milanowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of the Schools of Choice Resolutions for 2010-2011 (Enclosure #14a-c)

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

a. Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105

East Grand Rapids Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan since the inception of the KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan in the 1996-97 school year.

Member Edison moved to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2012-2013 school year. Member Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Approval of a Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105c

In accordance with Section 105c as permitted in the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, it is recommended that East Grand Rapids Public Schools not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2012-2013 school year.

President Ellis provided background on new information from the State of Michigan regarding the Governor's incentives indicating that we should *opt in* to Section 105 c. President Ellis requested a motion to *opt in* to Section 105c.

Member Levine moved to approve a Resolution to *Opt In* to Section 105c for the 2012-2013 school year. Member Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the 2012-2013 Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

This is the ninth year of the KISD Schools of Choice Program.

Member Milanowski moved to pass a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2012-2013 school year. Member Rabideau seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Board of Education Election Cycle (Enclosure #15)

President Ellis announced that this item will be discussed at the end of the meeting and presented for a motion to approve election terms.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Superintendent

None.

Assistant Supt. of Business

Kevin Philipps reported on the Governor's Budget Proposal, presenting highlights of the 2012-2013 Budget Proposal. There is no change to the per pupil foundation grant. Half day kindergarten is to receive only half of the funding. A \$115/pupil grant will offset retirement cost increases. A \$75 per/pupil grant is proposed to districts that meet five out of the six "Best Practices." There is a \$100/pupil grant proposed for student growth and achievement. Budget targets for 2013-2014 were indicated in the Governor's School Aid Act. The financial impact of the Governor's Proposal on EGRPS was presented. Based on the Governor's Proposal, 2012-2013 budget projections were reviewed which detailed a current budget projection of *negative \$2,868,117*.

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

Assistant Supt. of Instruction

Jeanne Glowicki announced that she is looking forward to Professional Development Days on February 23 and 24, with 192 staff members taking advantage of 83 offerings. Extending learning to staff is accomplished throughout these two days, and the staff is excited about the opportunities presented.

Common Core will be tested in 2015. Staff has embraced this and understands the power of the process with the Common Core. Staff is getting accustomed and acquainted to the components that will be in place.

Glowicki commended the technology staff on their efforts in NWEA, the 1:1 Engage initiative, and assessments.

Board Representative Reports

Member Edison provided a Legislative Committee Update, reporting that on March 7, 7:00 p.m., an Education Town Hall Meeting will be held at High School Little Auditorium. Representatives Lyons, Hildenbrand, and MacGregor, as well as Senator Jansen are confirmed as attendees. These legislators will be available to field questions from our community.

Board of Education Election Cycle (Enclosure #15)

A discussion was held regarding the options for terms of the board election cycle as presented in Enclosure #15. President Ellis recommended staying with 4-year terms. Edison favors 6-year terms. Ruppert supports 4-year terms. Rabideau supports 4-year terms. Levine supports 4-year terms. Milanowski supports 4-year terms.

Member Ellis moved to reaffirm 4-year terms for school board trustees of East Grand Rapids Public Schools. Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1.

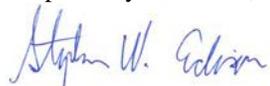
Adjournment

President Ellis announced the next board meeting will be held on March 12, 2012, in the Community Board Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen W. Edison, Secretary  
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

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