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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, October 22, 2012

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, October 22, 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, Bob Minnema, Steve Edison, Michelle Rabideau, Peter Ruppert

Absent: Susan Levine and Beth Milanowski

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

Meeting Called to Order

President Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acknowledgment of Guests – President Ellis welcomed Representative Peter MacGregor to tonight's board meeting.

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

None

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

None

Susan Levine arrived at 6:02 p.m.

High School Student Council President's Report

Karl Schneider, Senior Class President, reported that a record number of students attended Homecoming Dance and everyone enjoyed Homecoming Week. Student Council is looking forward to the Annual Craft Show and Kabookie Week. They continue to promote student involvement in helping out the community and schools.

President Ellis announced that Item #13 will be removed from this evening's agenda and will be addressed at a future meeting.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of Student Semifinalists in the 2012 Merit Scholarship Competition (Enclosure #6)

President Ellis welcomed Jenny Fee, High School Principal, and Lori Johnston, High School Guidance Counselor, who recognized the Student Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition: Daeja Marzette, Alexandra Kuske, and Charlotte King. The students announced their college plans and goals, as well as their current interests in their senior year of high school. Johnston reported that only the top 1% of students in the country become semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition and commended these students on their accomplishment. The Board and Administration congratulated the semifinalists on their accomplishments and presented them with a certificate of recognition.

Learning Commons Update (Enclosure #7)

Jeanne Glowicki, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, presented an update on the Learning Commons and introduced Carole McDonald, Trish Reid, and Dawn Lewis, who volunteered their time to work with the elementary principals in developing our new Learning Commons. The Learning Commons is an environment that has multiple opportunities to support student learning and creates a high level of student engagement. Patrick Reed, EGRHS Industrial Technology teacher, also helped with the possible design and layout of the Learning Commons' floor plans. Multiple purposes are afforded students through these spaces and designs to enhance learning for our students. Gift certificates were presented to Dawn, Trish, and Carole in appreciation of their efforts.

A discussion was held among the Board.

Beth Milanowski arrived at 6:14 p.m.

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, Numbers 8-10.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR Meeting of 9/24/2012 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Payment of Bills for September 2012 (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #10)

In accordance with Board of Education Policy #7490, the district has various trips and overnight athletic and student activities as outlined in Enclosure #10 for approval by the Board.

Member Edison moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8-10. Member Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Appoint Delegate Representatives to MASB Fall Conference Delegate Assembly (Enclosure #11)

Background: The Michigan Association of School Boards' 2012 Delegate Assembly is meeting for the annual 2012 Fall Conference at the Detroit Marriott/Renaissance Center on November 8, 2012. Three delegates may be appointed to represent the East Grand Rapids Board of Education.

Recommendation: Motion to appoint delegates to the MASB 2012 Delegate Assembly.

President Ellis indicated that there were no board members available to attend the 2012 Delegate Assembly. If a member should become available and interested in attending, he/she is to inform President Ellis.

2011-2012 Audit Report – Kevin Philipps

Background: The audit was completed by Maner Costerisan, PC this fall. The Board Finance Committee reviewed the report and recommends that the Board of Education receive the 2011-2012 Audit Report.

Recommendation: Motion to receive the 2011-2012 Audit Report as presented and recommended by the Board Finance Committee and Superintendent.

Kevin Philipps presented the findings of the 2011-2012 audit report.

Member Rabideau moved to approve the 2011-2012 Audit Report as reviewed by the Board Finance Committee. Member Edison seconded the motion. A discussion was held among the Board. Philipps and board members commended the Business Office staff for their continued efforts in achieving another successful audit report. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Best Practices Incentive Grant Resolution – Kevin Philipps (Enclosure #13)

As stated at the beginning of the meeting, Item #13 was removed from this evening's agenda. Kevin Philipps explained that we will come forward with a recommendation to the board in a future meeting. Dr. Shubel reported that recent items have been attached to the best practices requirements, and administration will present the resolution for board approval at a future board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

- Dr. Shubel reported that the 2012-2013 school year is progressing rapidly, as parent-teacher conferences will be held soon, and we are quickly approaching holiday breaks. She complimented the principals for ensuring that everything is going smoothly in our school buildings.
- Dr. Shubel encouraged board members to attend the upcoming Veteran's Day events in our schools, as well as the choir concerts and various other activities where board members will have the opportunity to attend.
- Dr. Shubel announced the Foundation's 8th Community Service and Distinguished Alumni Dinner on Monday, November 12.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

- None

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

- Jeanne Glowicki commented on the wonderful start to the school year and reported that she has already started to see implementation teams and looking at assessments, improving instruction and curriculums. MAP assessments are completed.
- Glowicki reported that the VanAndel Institute presented to science staff this week on how to improve instruction and outcomes for students.
- Glowicki reported that planning is already underway for February Professional Development, and she complimented the staff on the planning process thus far.

Board of Education Members' Report

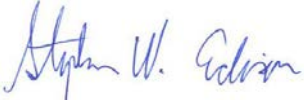
- Member Edison thanked board members for their thoughts and concerns during his recovery from surgery. Member Edison thanked Member Levine for covering as Board Secretary in his absence. Member Edison also thanked his wife, Monica, for her unending support on their 24th wedding anniversary.

President Ellis announced that there is no November meeting, and the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ellis adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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