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### **EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Kent County, Michigan

#### **REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**

The James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, Community Board Room,  
2915 Hall Street, SE.,

East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

For Information, call 616-235-3535.

**January 26, 2010**

**7:00 p.m.**

#### **Minutes**

The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 in the Community Board Room of the James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall St., SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

#### **Board of Education:**

##### **Present:**

Mr. Brian Ellis, Mr. Steve Edison, Mrs. Stacy Trierweiler, Mrs. Julie Ridenour, Mr. Peter Ruppert, Mrs. A. Michelle Rabideau, and Mr. Robert Minnema

##### **Administration:**

Dr. Sara M. Shubel, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mrs. Jenny Fee, Mrs. Heidi Sunderhaft, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mrs. Wendy VanZegeren, Mrs. Jann VanAirdale, and Mr. Doug Jenkins

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that Dr. Shubel has an announcement.

Dr. Shubel thanked Anne Thomasma for returning to assist with the Board Meeting and wished her well in her new position. Dr. Shubel welcomed Judie Malec who is serving in the interim secretarial position.

#### **Recognition of:**

Dr. Shubel recognized and thanked East Grand Rapids Board of Education Members for their outstanding commitment to our schools.

Dr. Shubel recognized Principals' Week upcoming, February 14-20, 2010.

Mrs. Fee recognized Dave Ghareeb for being named 2009 NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) Coaches Association National Coach of the Year – Boys Golf. Congratulations were given and a certificate was presented to Mr. Ghareeb on behalf of the Board of Education and Superintendent.

**Acknowledgement of Guests** - Mr. Ellis acknowledged special guest, Mr. Kenton Rossi, who is working on his Boy Scout badge, and wished Kenton a happy 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Public Comments** – None.

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### Board Secretary's Report - Communications to and from the Board - Mrs. Trierweiler

Mrs. Trierweiler stated that the Board received communications regarding:

- Thank You  
Anne Thomasma (Superintendent's Secretary)
  
- Proposed Budget Reductions  
Chris Kenward                      Andrea Carlson                      Sarah Pupel  
Wendy Kettler                      Christine Wagenfuehr Durocher                      Steve Seth

Mrs. Trierweiler shared recognition by MASB in congratulating East Grand Rapids High School as a Silver Award Winner as noted in *U. S. News and World Report*.

### High School Student Council President's Report – Ms. Sonia Nicola

Ms. Olivia Avery, Senior Class President, reported on behalf of Ms. Sonia Nicola that the high school has wrapped up purple game for awareness, and raised money for Relay for Life. In two weeks, Kabookie week will include a surprise bagel breakfast, and passing out pink slips for students to write experiences that make a difference; then notes will be posted on the lobby wall. Olivia stated concerns were received from administration regarding taking time out for the assembly; therefore, the assembly will be for freshman where Mr. Stuursma will speak and show the Jimmy Gerken video. On February 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., a Blood Drive will be open to high school students ages 17 and older, as well as to the entire public. Parent committees are working on Bachelorette, and Fountain Street Church has been booked. All grades are working on service projects.

### EGREA President's Report – Mrs. Shelly Schram

Mrs. Schram offered condolences to families of Michele Dolmyer, Lori Dood, Evon Roberts, Lynn Leiter, and Doug VanderJagt, on behalf of the staff regarding the recent losses in their families. Mrs. Schram offered congratulations to Mr. Ghareeb on his national award. Mrs. Schram stated that teachers are busy getting ready for next semester.

Mrs. Schram congratulated Mr. Ghareeb. Teachers are getting ready for next semester.

### Public Comments

Following a parent's request to make public comment, Mr. Ellis explained that we already called for public comments, and none were addressed. Public comments are now out of sequence and were accepted in this instance only. Mr. Ellis explained the ground rules and then opened the floor for public comments.

Sara Pelligrini – 2544 Richards commented about second semester budget cuts.

Carl Mead – 1147 Pincrest commented about second semester budget cuts.

Tracy Douglas - 2908 Hall commented about budget cuts and appreciation to Board for addressing items again.

Mr. Ellis stated a point of clarification regarding mid-year cuts which would require that the budget items return to the agenda via a motion and supporting second this evening.

Jimmy Howard – 1735 Hiawatha commented about second semester budget cuts.

Chris Shannon – 2347 El Dorado commented about second semester budget cuts.

Krista Rensland - 2752 Maplewood commented about second semester budget cuts.

Jody Kik – 39 Gild Street commented about second semester budget cuts.

### **Presentation:**

First Reading of Revised Policy #8300 and #8300-R (Code of Student Conduct) (Enclosure #8)

First Reading of Revised Policy #9230 and #9230-R (School Volunteers) (Enclosure #9)

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Mrs. Trierweiler gave an overview of revised policies 8300 and 8300-R. The Board of Education will vote on these policies at the next Board Meeting, February 22, 2010.

Discussion and overview was held regarding these policies.

### 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 Consent Agenda Numbers 10 through 14.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 12/14/09 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 12/14/09 (Enclosure #11)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 01/04/10 (Enclosure #12)

Approval of Payment of Bills for December 2009 (Enclosure #13)

Approval of Overnight Student Activities (Enclosure #14)

Mr. Edison moved to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 10 through 14. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### Other Action Items:

Approval of Resolution to Call Election for Non-Homestead Tax Renewal  
(Enclosure #15)

Mrs. Ridenour moved to approve the resolution to call for election for Non-Homestead Tax Renewal on the May 4, 2010 regular election. Mrs. Trierweiler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Philipps explained the proposal in greater detail. There was a discussion regarding whether to go with one or three years.

Mr. Edison moved to approve the resolution authorizing the call for election for the Non-Homestead Tax Renewal for three years at an 18 mill rate on the May 4, 2010 regular election. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### Administrative Reports

#### Superintendent

- Board of Education Election on May 4 filing date is February 9, 2010.
- Town Hall Meeting – Legislative Committee, February 8, 7:00 p.m. at Little Auditorium.

Dr. Shubel and Mr. Ellis commented on what has been done and what could be done in the community, encouraging community to be a part of the forum.

#### Assistant Superintendent for Business

- January Revenue Conference Update

Mr. Philipps gave an overview of the January Revenue Conference and shared a budget PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Philipps gave an overview of Second Semester Reductions which were approved at the Regular Board of Education Meeting on December 14, 2009.

Mrs. Trierweiler moved to rescind School Social Worker budget cuts for second semester. Mr. Minnema seconded the motion. There were comments and discussion from the Board. Motion passed 7-0.

- Ning Website

Mr. Philipps gave an overview of the Ning Website: forums, comments, events, attachments, legislative contacts, Q&A.

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Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Ms. Glowicki gave an overview of Martin Luther King activities in the district and shared communications from students.

Mr. Ellis congratulated Ms. Glowicki on her leadership and organization with the Champions of Diversity committee.

Ms. Glowicki gave an overview of professional learning opportunities for staff during the February Professional Development Days to be held at the high school.

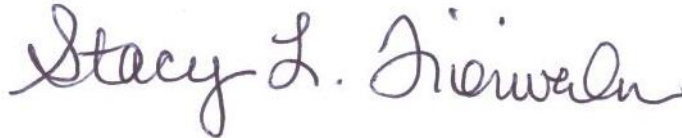
Board Representative Report

Mr. Edison gave an update on EGR Schools Foundation allocation of funds. Mr. Edison stated that their investments are returning better than average standards.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacy L. Trierweiler".

Stacy Trierweiler, Secretary  
East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education

- \* Minutes for this meeting will be available in the Superintendent's Office at 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.
- \*\* 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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