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REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education

The James E. Morse Administration Center at Woodcliff, 2915 Hall Street SE
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. For Information -Phone 616-235-3535.

Monday, October 26, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Minutes: The REGULAR MEETING of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, October 26, 2009 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, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Ms. Jeanne Glowicki, Mrs. Wendy VanZegeren, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Mr. Larry Fisher, Mrs. Heidi Sunderhaft, Mrs. Linda Kehm, Mrs. Jann VanAirsdale, and Mr. Doug Jenkins

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. 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 - Mrs. Trierweiler

No communications this month.

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

Ms. Nicola reported that the high school just finished homecoming week. She said the spirit assembly went very well. Unfortunately the homecoming parade was canceled but the dance went well. Student Council is currently working on "Hats On" day - a fund raiser and they are also starting to plan for the Arts and Craft show in November.

EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Shelly Schram

Mrs. Schram reported that the first marking period is ending. All building have been seeing many absences due to illness. Staff is now getting ready for P/T conferences. She gave the following update on staff: Scott Mitton is recovering from hip surgery and Beth Hill delivered a healthy baby boy.

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Recognition of East Grand Rapids Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition – Mr. Larry Fisher and Mrs. Jenny Fee

Mr. Fisher gave a brief explanation of what constitutes a commended student. Dr. Shubel presented each of the seven students with a certificate of recognition.

Discussion Items:

Action Items - Consent Agenda:

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.

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 9/29/09 (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Payment of Bills for September 2009 (Enclosure #9)

Mr. Edison moved to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 8 through 9. Mrs. Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Other Action Items:

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent

Student Count Update – Dr. Shubel reported that as of today we are at 3006 students. We receive state aid money based on a blended count which currently is 2997. We had projected and budgeted for 2965 students for 2009-10. There was discussion on class sizes and numbers for this year.

In Vancouver last week with ASCD – will share report soon.

December All Staff breakfast will be held on December 17th in the HS Cafeteria. Please mark your calendars and a sign up sheet will be passed around in the next month. Board members will be able to sign up to man a specific food station.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

State Budget Update – Mr. Philipps reported that the School Aid budget was passed in early October with a \$165 reduction per pupil to schools. The Governor signed the budget with various line item vetos included. Mr. Philipps reviewed some other items of interest in the budget: service consolidation plan; transparency requirements (FY 2010-11 on district website); for districts that count up to 38 PD hours, as part of their 1,098 hours of instruction requirement, must have 5 be provided online; and minimum days of instruction. Mr. Philipps attempted to put all of the numbers together. On October 22nd there was a proration letter issued for an additional \$127 per pupil deficit which means a \$292 total decrease for this school year. There was discussion and questions by the Board.

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Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Curriculum Updates

Differentiation – Mrs. Glowicki credited staff and administrators for talking about good teaching and good learning even in these times. She reported that this is the tenth year of differentiation and all new staff and staff out on leaves are being trained. Title II funds are used to fund this.

Implementation Items – Kuddos to implementation teams and all the work and teaching they bring to the rest of the staff.

Board Representative Report

Mrs. Rabideau reported on and commended the Legislative Committee for their work during these difficult budget times. She thanked the staff, parents and community members for getting their voices heard through the Legislative Committee.

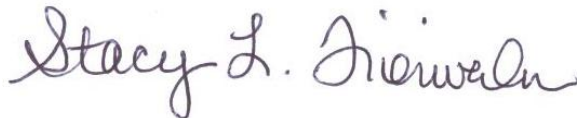
Mr. Edison reported on the MASB Convention which he attended. No substantial changes on the agenda or the items voted on.

Dr. Shubel gave a brief update on the flu situation in the county as well as here in East. She stated that the administration checks numbers in the buildings a few times a day and that they are making sure that cleaning in buildings is being completed. She will continue to monitor the situation.

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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, Ph.D. Superintendent, at 235-3535.

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