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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, January 17, 2011

MINUTES

The **REGULAR MEETING** of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education, Kent County, Michigan, was held on Monday, January 17, 2011 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, Ms. Stacy Trierweiler, Ms. Julie Ridenour,
Ms. A. Michelle Rabideau, Mr. Peter Ruppert, and Mr. Robert Minnema

Absent: None

Administration: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Mr. Kevin Philipps, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Ms. Kathy Wisniewski,
Ms. Jenny Fee, Mr. Peter Stuursma, Ms. Caroline Breault-Cannon

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Shubel reported on today's Martin Luther King events, beginning with all EGR students marching from the elementaries and middle school to the high school. Breton Downs 5th grade students were bussed due to the distance. All 3,000 students were at the high school for our annual MLK celebration. Dr. Shubel announced that we were fortunate to have E.B. Lewis, award winning illustrator/artist, as our keynote speaker. The East Grand Rapids Champions of Diversity Committee coordinated this district-wide event, involving the whole community working in collaboration to make this event such a success. Dr. Shubel shared a photo presentation of the MLK celebration. Following the celebration, student representatives from Breton, Middle School, and High School were bussed downtown for the MLK March. This evening, a reception and presentation is being held at the PAC with guest, E.B. Lewis.

A discussion was held with the Board.

Acknowledgment of Guests – Mr. Ellis welcomed guest, State Senator Mark Jansen, who presented a plaque for the EGRHS Girls Swim Team on their State Championship. A plaque was also presented for the EGR Varsity Football Team on their State Championship. Senator Jansen reported that East Grand Rapids Public Schools is a great testimony of quality academics as well. He also presented two Michigan flags to the district.

Mr. Ellis welcomed Jim Saalfield, newly elected Kent County Commissioner, who also presented a proclamation to our Swim and Football Teams and congratulated the district in our academic and athletic achievements on behalf of Kent County. He also congratulated the School Board on their commitments to our district.

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

Joe Meston - 2131 Hall Street, Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

James Pratt - 1543 Edgewood, Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Grace Glessner - 1558 Lake Grove, Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Sam Dodgson - 1440 Woodcliff, Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Chris Warren - 1447 Plymouth, Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Elliott Jung - 2738 Berwyck, Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Joe Huffman – 2553 Berwyck, Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Carolyn Huffman - 2553 Berwyck, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Bryan Bolea - 1634 Amberley Ct, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Matthew Putnam - Breton Downs teacher, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Mari Persons - 2714 Elmwood, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Marie Laneuville - 2738 Berwyck, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Sam Dodgson - Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented again on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Elliott Jung - Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented again on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Joe Meston - Breton Downs 5th grade student, commented again on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Brenda Pratt - 1543 Edgewood, commented on the Breton Downs Playground Initiative.

Board Secretary's Report - Communications to and from the Board - None

High School Student Council President's Report

Mr. Kyle Seasily, Senior Class President, reported that the Student Council is getting ready for the Blood Drive in February, stating that, this year, 16-year-olds can donate also. There were 65 pints of blood collected last year, with hopes of collecting more donations this year.

Mr. Ellis commended Student Council on their efforts toward this worthy cause.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Recognition of East Grand Rapids Board of Education Members for *School Board Recognition Month* January 2011

(Enclosure #7a)

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

Recognition of *Principal's Week* – February 14-18, 2011 (Enclosure #7b)

Dr. Shubel recognized Principals' Week upcoming, February 14-18, 2011. (Enclosure #7b)

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 8 through 11.

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 12/06/2010 – Curriculum Work Session (Enclosure #8)

Approval of Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of 12/06/2010 – Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation (Enclosure #9)

Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 12/13/2010 (Enclosure #10)

Approval of Payment of Bills for December 2010 (Enclosure #11)

Ms. Trierweiler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8 through 11. Mr. Edison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Shubel announced the upcoming School Board Election to be held in May, with applications of candidacy due on February 8, 2011.

Dr. Shubel reported on the upcoming Professional Development days to be held February 23-24, 2011, with over 80 sessions of learning offered to teaching staff. These two days include peer teaching, sharing expertise, as well as outside consultants presenting. All administrators teach during these two days also.

Mr. Ellis reported that these Professional Development days are a key function in our district, with two full days in February designed to maximize the learning for staff. Phenomenal feedback has been received from this learning opportunity from staff.

We The People – Dr. Shubel announced that the East Grand Rapids “*We the People*” team took 1st Place at the State level competition, with 2037 points out of a possible 2180 points. This is the highest point total received by any team at State level competition. The students will continue on to the National competition as Michigan representatives on April 30, May 1, and May 2 in Washington, D.C. This is East Grand Rapids’ 9th State Championship. Dr. Shubel congratulated the team and wished them well at the National level.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

Mr. Philipps presented on the January Revenue Conference, which was held last week. Mr. Philipps presented on the 2009-2010 final results, 2010-11 School Aid Fund, 2011-12 School Aid Funding Potential, EGR Per Pupil Funding, and 2011-12 School Funding.

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

Mr. Ellis thanked Senator Jansen for his hard work and appreciates the open dialogue and his willingness to listen to our concerns. Mr. Ellis wished Senator Jansen well in the future.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

None.

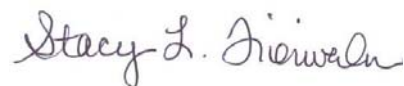
Board of Education Members’ Report

Ms. Trierweiler announced that the EGR football team will be recognized by MaxPrep Sports during half-time of the varsity boys’ basketball game on February 18, 2011, as one of the top 50 football programs in the country.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:00 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 St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. The phone number is 235-3535.

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