

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 13, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Eaton Raids Public Schools of Eaton and Ingham Counties was held at the Eaton Rapids Middle School, 815 Greyhound Drive, Eaton Rapids, Michigan on January 13, 2010.

Members Present: Jeff Allison, Jon Althouse, Debbie Brinson, Theresa Platte, Brian Ross, and Gary Wichman and Carolyn Wyckoff.

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Laura Lezotte, Judy Foss, Jane Snider, Craig Benton, Jill Darrow, Jackie Houston, Jessica Dunwater, Andrea Wells, Robin Elliot, Suzy Griggs, Nancy Trimble, Salli Harding, Michael Williams, Kim Estes, Shannon Yennior, Meg Smith, Colleen Shoup, Robin Buysee, and Brenda Stohr

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Allison at 7:00 p.m.

Audience Recognition

No one addressed the Board.

Appointment of New Board Member/Oath of Office

Due to the resignation of Steven Platte effective January 1, 2010, the Board conducted interviews for the vacancy on January 4, 2010. Theresa Platte was appointed to fill the vacancy. President Allison administered the oath of office.

Board of Education Officers

Member Brinson moved that the officers elected at the July 8, 2009 meeting continue as is for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Member Wichman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (Jeff Allison, president; Debbie Brinson, vice-president; Brian Ross, secretary; and Jon Althouse, treasurer).

Celebrating School Board Month

Robin Buysse, representing the ERESPA, Jill Darrow, representing EREA, and Superintendent DeFrance representing administration, recognized Board members for their service. Ms. Darrow's students sang a song that they wrote for the occasion.

Approval of Agenda

Member Ross moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Member Wyckoff supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting – December 9, 2009
 - Special Meeting – January 4, 2010
2. Treasurer's Report – December 2009
3. Personnel Items

The Board approves the following leaves of absence:

1. Josh Holnagel – Extension of unpaid leave through the end of the 2009-2010 school year.
2. Gay Heintzelman – Medical Leave 10/20/09 – unknown
3. Jessica Towsley – Unpaid leave of absence 1/4/10 – 5/15/10

The Board approves employment of the following:

1. Deona Miller – K-Care Lead Teacher – Replace Casey Speer – effective 1/4/10
2. Casey Speer – EYC – 3 year old room - Replace Kaysie Furlong – effective 1/4/10
3. Kim Hallenbeck – Lockwood Literacy Aide (Title 1) Temp. 09/10 year – effective 12/14/09

The Board accepts the following resignations:

1. Kaysie Furlong – Effective 12/11/09
2. Brenda Marczynski – Effective 1/8/2010

The consent agenda was unanimously adopted.

Reports

President's Report was given by Jeff Allison.
Superintendent's Update was given by Bill DeFrance.
Committee-of-the-Whole was given by Jeff Allison.
Marketing Committee was given by Gary Wichman.

Re-Establishment of Board of Education Committees

Member Ross moved that the Committees be established as follows for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Member Brinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Day of Month</u>	<u>Time</u>
Personnel	Ross*, Wichman, Wyckoff	2 nd Thurs	7:15 a.m.
Finance	Althouse*, Allison, Brinson	1 st Wed	6:00 p.m.
Curriculum	Wyckoff*, Brinson, Althouse,	3 rd Mon	6:00 p.m.
Marketing	Wichman*, Allison, Platte	2 nd Mon	6:00 p.m.
Policy	Platte*, Ross, Wyckoff	1 st Thurs	7:15 a.m.

* Chair

Approval – Participation in Great Start Readiness Program

Member Brinson moved that the Board of Education adopt the Great Start Readiness Program Participating Resolution for the 2009-2010 school year. Member Althouse seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval – Superintendent Attendance at Conference

Member Wichman moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent attending the Michigan Association of School Administrators Midwinter Conference on January 27-29, 2010 in Detroit. Member Ross seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval – Step Increases for Administrators and Exempt Employees

Member Althouse moved that the Board of Education approve step increases for administrators and exempt employees for the 2009-2010 school year effective with the January 29, 2010 payroll. Member Ross seconded the motion. Discussion occurred and vote was as follows: Yes: Allison, Althouse, Brinson, Platte, Ross, Wichman: No: Wyckoff. The motion passed with a 6:1 vote.

Approval – Teacher Resignation Incentive Plan (RIP)

Member Ross moved that the Board of Education offer a one-time payment of \$20,000 to a minimum of 12 teachers who resign at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Member Brinson seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation

Superintendent DeFrance gave a presentation on two Technology High Schools that he and other district staff visited in Indiana.

Audience Recognition

Meg Smith, Robin Buysse, and Craig Benton addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Ross, Secretary

