

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 24, 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 February 24, 2010.

Members Present: Jeff Allison, Jon Althouse, Theresa Platte, Brian Ross, and Gary Wichman

Members Absent: Debbie Brinson and Carolyn Wyckoff

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Laura Lezotte, Judy Foss, Jackie Houston, Kim Estes, Colleen Shoup, Robin Buysee, Sharon Holzschu, Andrea Wells, Edith Brown, Shawn Towsley, Julie Powers, Terri Lake, Diane Binkowski, Shelly Waidelich, Sannon Yennior and Brenda Stohr

Call to Order

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

Audience Recognition

Shawn Towsley addressed the Board.

Approval of Agenda

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

There was no consent agenda.

Reports

President's Report was given by Jeff Allison.

Superintendent's Update was given by Bill DeFrance.

Community Marketing Alliance Committee report was given by Gary Wichman.

Approval of Greyhound Bucks Incentive

Member Wichman move that the Board of Education approve the \$300 "Greyhound Bucks" incentive to all students who enroll in the Eaton Rapids Public Schools and live in the district. Furthermore, \$225 for being in the September count and \$75 in the February count. Member Platte supported the motion. Discussion occurred. Vote taken: Yes: Allison, Platte, Ross, Wichman; No: Althouse. The motion passed with a 4:1 vote.

Budget Update for 2010-2011

Superintendent DeFrance provided a 2010-2011 budget update.

Member Ross moved that the Board of Education close Northwestern Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year. Member Althouse seconded the motion. Discussion occurred.

Member Althouse moved that the motion to close Northwestern Elementary school be tabled. Member Wichman seconded the motion. Vote: Yes: Allison, Althouse, Wichman, Platte; No: Ross. The motion passed with a 4:1 vote.

Presentations

Personal Curriculum – Judy Foss & Laura Lezotte

National & State Legislation– Bill DeFrance

Audience Recognition

Terri Lake, Kim Estes, and Colleen Shoup addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Ross, Secretary

