

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 14, 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 April 14, 2010.

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

Members Absent: Theresa Platte

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Judy Foss, Laura Lezotte, Collin Smith, Shawn Towsley, Julie Powers, Diane Binkowski, Colleen Shoup, Andrea Wells, Edith Brown, Nancy Stucker, Alan Miller, Terri Lake, Robin Buysse, 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.

Approval of Agenda

Member Althouse moved that the agenda be revised as follows: Mr. Soles report was moved and presented after the approval of the consent agenda. Member Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
Committee-of-the-Whole – March 31, 2010
2. Treasurer's Report – March 2010

The consent agenda was unanimously adopted.

2010 Refunding of Bonds

Jeff Soles, Thrun Law Firm, went through the Refunding Bond document/resolution with Board members and answered their questions.

Member Althouse moved that the Board of Education authorize refunding the Obligation and to accept the bid of the Purchase for the refunding. Member Ross seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Roll call vote: Yes: Allison, Althouse, Brinson, Ross, Wyckoff; Abstained: Wichman due to a conflict of interest. The motion was approved.

Reports

President's Report was given by Jeff Allison.
Superintendent's Report was given by Bill DeFrance.
Marketing Committee Report was given by Gary Wichman.

Northwestern Elementary School Presentation

Principal Shawn Towsley gave a presentation on student academic performance.
Shawn Towsley

New Tech High Update

Superintendent Bill DeFrance gave an update on the New Tech High School proposal.

Member Althouse moved that the Board of Education authorize administration to apply to the New Tech High consortium. Member Wichman seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Update

Bill DeFrance and Collin Smith shared that there was nothing new to report on the budget. It was noted that teacher layoff notices would be issued.

Audience Recognition

No one addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Ross
Board Secretary