

**EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

September 28, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Eaton Rapids Public Schools of Eaton and Ingham Counties was held at the Greyhound Central Administration Conference Room, 912 Greyhound Drive, Eaton Rapids, Michigan on September 28, 2011.

Members Present: Jeff Allison, Jon Althouse, Debbie Brinson, Theresa Platte, Tom Reich, Brian Ross, and Carolyn Wyckoff

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Brooke Ballee, Diane Binkowski, Joy DeJongh, Laura Lezotte, Collin Smith, Becky Ely, Mary Jo White, and Cindy Smith

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Ross at 6:00 p.m. and led those in attendance to the pledge of allegiance.

Audience Recognition

No one addressed the Board.

Approval of Agenda

Member Allison moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Member Platte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Regular Minutes – September 14, 2011
Approval of Closed Minutes – September 14, 2011

The consent agenda was unanimously adopted.

Reports

The President's Report was given by Brian Ross.

The Superintendent's Report was given by Bill DeFrance.

The Curriculum Committee Report was given by Carolyn Wyckoff

Superintendent's Contract

Due to the health care reform legislation that was just passed (PA 152 of 2011), it was recommended that the Superintendent's contract be tabled for approval until the contract language is updated to align with the new regulations.

Member Althouse moved that the approval of the Superintendent's contract be tabled until the next Board Meeting. Member Allison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval – Best Practices Incentive

Member Allison moved that the Board of Education pledge that it has met the Best Practices Incentive criteria as put forth by the Michigan Department of Education and state legislation to receive the additional funding of \$100 per student. (The complete resolution is attached.) Member Brinson seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation – Space Camp

Becky Ely gave a presentation regarding Space Camp. Positive discussion occurred regarding the program.

Discussion – Enrollment

Superintendent DeFrance provided an update on student enrollment. There was data provided and discussion regarding the district's declining enrollment numbers.

Audience Recognition

No one addressed the Board.

Executive Session

Member Althouse moved that the Board of Education move into closed session at 6:55 p.m. in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 8(c), Negotiation Strategies. Member Allison seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yes: Allison, Althouse, Brinson, Platte, Reich, Ross, and Wyckoff. No: (0). The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:20 p.m.

Approval – Teacher's Contract

Member Althouse moved that the Board of Education support the tentative agreement on the two year teacher's contract as presented. Member Brinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5:1 vote. Yes: Althouse, Brinson, Platte, Reich, Ross; No: Wyckoff; Abstained: Allison.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Platte
Board Secretary