

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 12, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Eaton Raids Public Schools of Eaton and Ingham Counties was held at Eaton Rapids Middle School, 815 Greyhound Drive, Eaton Rapids, Michigan on January 12, 2011.

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

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Diane Binkowski, Laura Lezotte, Kim Estes, and Brenda Stohr.

The meeting was called to order by President Allison.

Temporary Chair

Member Althouse moved that Jeff Allison serve as temporary chair. Member Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Oath of Office

Board Members Jon Althouse, Theresa Platte, Tom Reich, and Carolyn Wyckoff elected to the School Board on November 2, 2010 were sworn in.

Board of Education Officers

- Member Althouse moved that Debbie Brinson be appointed President. Member Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Member Allison moved that Brian Ross be appointed Vice-President. Member Wyckoff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Member Ross moved that Theresa Platte be appointed Secretary. Member Allison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Member Ross moved that Carolyn Wyckoff be appointed Treasurer. Member Platte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

President Brinson chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Celebrating School Board Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month. Superintendent DeFrance presented each Board member with an appreciation gift.

Audience Recognition – No one addressed the Board.

Approval of Agenda

Member Ross moved that the agenda be amended for the purpose of revising the Board Member Committee assignments. Member Allison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2010 (Special Meeting)
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report – December 2010
3. Personnel Items

Leave of Absence

1. Amber Franz – Medical Leave – Effective approx. January 26, 2011 – March 14, 2011
2. Pam Nutt – Medical Leave – Effective December 6, 2010 – approx January 7, 2011

New Hires

1. Pam Foote – PT High School Café Helper – Effective 11/29/2010
2. Brad Beals – Extra 1 hour English 9 assignment – 2nd Trimester
3. Derek Lounds – Extra 1 hour Math assignment – 2nd Trimester
4. Marielle Walker – GIS Spanish Teacher – Effective January 3, 2011

Resignations

1. Shirley Parsons – High School Music – Effective November 23, 2010
2. Rebecca Bell – Lifeguard – Effective 12/24/2010
3. Kimberley Adee – Part-time Custodian – Effective 1/5/2011

The consent agenda is unanimously adopted.

Reports

President's Report was given by Debbie Brinson.

Superintendent's Report was given by Bill DeFrance.

Finance Committee report was given by Jon Althouse.

Marketing Committee report was given by Theresa Platte and Jeff Allison.

Personnel Committee report was given by Brian Ross

Establishment of Board of Education Committees

Member Ross moved that the Committees be established as follows for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year: Member Allison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Day of Month</u>	<u>Time</u>
Personnel	Ross*, Brinson, Wyckoff	1 st Thurs	7:00 a.m.
Finance	Althouse*, Wyckoff, Reich	1 st Wed	6:00 p.m.
Curriculum	Wyckoff*, Althouse, Platte	3 rd Mon	6:30 p.m.
Marketing	Platte*, Allison, Reich	2 nd Mon	6:00 p.m.
Policy/Bond	Allison, Ross, Brinson		7:00 a.m.

* Chair

Approval – Superintendent Attendance at Conference

Member Althouse moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent attending the Michigan Association of School Administrators Midwinter Conference on January 26-28, 2011. Member Ross seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Special Topics/Discussion

Superintendent DeFrance reported on the following:

- Legislative Direction
- Bond Update
- New Tech Update
- Relevant Academy
- EISD Direction
- Email Class

Audience Recognition – No one addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

