

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 23, 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 August 23, 2010.

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

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Andrea Wells, Diane Binkowski, Edie Brown, Tina Cogo, Margot Muffett, Joel Muffett, and Brenda Stohr

Call to Order

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

Audience Recognition – Roger Harris addressed the Board to thank them for use of the school facilities for July 4 activities. Discussion followed.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Organizational Meeting July 14, 2010
  - Special Meetings- July 14, 2010, July 21, 2010, July 28, 2010
2. Treasurer's Report July 2010
3. Personnel Recommendations
  1. The Board approves a medical leave of absence for Shoni Levinsohn beginning approximately 9/30/10.
  2. The Board approves the employment of Mike Myers as Dean of Students at Greyhound Intermediate and the Middle School effective 8/16/10.
  3. The Board of Education approves the employment of Tonya Droessler as high school counselor effective at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.
  4. The Board of Education approves the employment of Melissa Brown as a high school English teacher effective at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.
  5. The Board of Education approves the employment of Grace Williams as a high school English teacher effective at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

*The consent agenda was unanimously adopted.*

Reports

President's report was given by Jeff Allison.  
Superintendent's report was given by Bill DeFrance.  
Finance Committee report was given by Jon Althouse.  
Personnel Committee report was given by Brian Ross.  
Curriculum Committee report was given by Carloyn Wyckoff

### Resolution - Calling the Election & Ballot Language

Member Brinson moved that the Board of Education approve the Regular School Election Resolution calling for an election on November 2, 2010 to fill Board positions and for a \$25.1 million bond. The Board of Education also approves the ballot language. Furthermore, that a copy of the entire resolution prepared by districts legal counsel will be attached to these minutes. Member Althouse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Proposed Refunding Bond Issue – 1999 Refunding Bonds

Member Althouse moved that the Board of Education approve the refinancing of \$3.2 million as outlined in the Resolution Authoring the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Eaton Rapids Public Schools 1999 Refunding bonds, Series B as prepared by the district's legal counsel. Member Wyckoff seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### Presentations

- Greyhound Central High School
- Race to the Top School Ranking
- Eaton Rapids High School

Audience Recognition – No one addressed the Board.

### Executive Session

Member Althouse moved that the Board move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 8(c) Negotiation Strategies. Roll call vote - Yes: Allison, Althouse, Brinson, Ross, Platte, Wichman, Wyckoff; No: (0). The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Ross, Board Secretary

