

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 13, 2011

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 13, 2011.

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

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Laura Lezotte, Diane Binkowski, Mary Jo White, Shawn Towsley, Julie Powers, Andrea Wells, Gene Aldrich, Mary Oliver, Angela Olger, Dan Goatley, Zack Perfitt, Kelly Ballor, Kim Belcher, Kaylee L., Casey Speer, Jackie Huston, Pam and Rob Cockraft, Lanette and Marvin Tate, Deanna Schultz, Maya Pakonen Zubal, Jey Zubal, Lance Aldrich, Cindy Brown, Yvonne Cataline, Edith Brown, Valerie VanSandt, Shanna Mills, Gene Aldrich, Karianne Steffen, Christin Waldecker, Amy Allen, Tracy Freeman, Representative Mike Shirkey and Brenda Stohr

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

Audience Recognition

The following peopled addressed the Board regarding Greyhound Early Learning Center: Valerie Vansandt, Shana Mills, Gene Aldrich, Karianne Steffen, Christine Waldecker, Lance Aldrich, Amy Allen, Casey Speer, Natalie Kennedy, and Tracy Freeman.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2011
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report – March 2011

The consent agenda was unanimously adopted.

Reports

President's Report was given by Debbie Brinson.  
Superintendent's Report was given by Bill DeFrance.

Presentation

Julie Powers gave a presentation on Lockwood Elementary School programs and MEAP results.

Resolution - Opposing School Aid Fund Transfer to Higher Education

Brian moved that the Board of Education support the resolution opposing the proposal to divert dollars from the School Aid Fund to support community colleges and institutions of higher education at the expense of public school district and the children they serve. Member Allison seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion was passed with a 6:1 vote; Member Allison abstained because of a conflict of interest.

2011-2012 Budget

Superintendent DeFrance shared administration's three-year budget projections. Discussion occurred.

Recommendation – Close Northwestern Elementary School

Member Allison moved that the Board of Education approve closing Northwestern Elementary School effective with the 2011-2012 school year. Member Ross seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion was passed with a 6:1 vote. Member Wyckoff voted no.

Audience Recognition

Representative Shirkey and Casey Speer addressed the Board.

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

