

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 10, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Eaton Rapids Public Schools of Eaton and Ingham Counties was held at the Eaton Rapids Middle School, 815 Greyhound Drive, Eaton Rapids, Michigan on August 10, 2011.

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

Members Absent: Jon Althouse and Theresa Platte

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Julie Powers, Collin Smith, Shawn Towsley, Diane Binkowski, Bernie Porn, Mary Jo White, Lisa Pray, and Cindy Smith.

Call to Order

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

Audience Recognition

No one addressed the Board.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting – June 22, 2011
 - Special Meeting - July 27, 2011
2. Treasurer's Report – June 2011
 - July 2011
3. Finance Material
 - Monthly Financial Analysis
 - Donated Property Paperwork

The consent agenda was unanimously adopted.

Reports

Superintendent's Report was given by Bill DeFrance.
Personnel Committee Report was given by Debbie Brinson.
Marketing Committee Report was given by Jeff Allison.

Approval – Resolution for School Loan Revolving Fund

Member Allison moved that the Board of Education approve the estimated amount to be borrowed from or repaid to the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program and certifies the amount of qualified debt millage as presented in the attached resolution. Member Brinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval – Greyhound Central High School Diploma

Member Allison moved that the Board of Education approve a third diploma option for Greyhound Central High School (GCHS) students where they complete the Michigan Merit Curriculum plus a writing class for a total of 17 credits. The credit requirements for the GCHS diploma will change as the Michigan Merit Curriculum changes. Member Wyckoff seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

1. EPIC/MRA - Bernie Porn (EPIC / MRA) presented an overview of EPIC/MRA (a survey research and database service). Discussion occurred regarding how the survey could help in determining the course of direction on pursuing a bond.
2. MiBLSI - Julie Powers, Principal of Lockwood, and Superintendent DeFrance gave a presentation on the MiBLSI program.

Audience Recognition

No one addressed the Board.

Executive Session

Member Allison moved that the Board of Education move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 8C at 8:45 p.m. Member Brinson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yes: Allison, Brinson, Reich, Ross, Wyckoff; No: (0). The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Platte,
Board Secretary