

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 13, 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 October 13, 2010.

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

Members Absent: Debbie Brinson

Others Present: Bill DeFrance, Kim Estes, Andrea Wells, Laura Lezotte, Becky Ely, Diane Binkowski, Valerie Pruden, Collin Smith, Carla Bumstead, Yvonne Cataline, Cindy Smith, and Brenda Stohr.

Call to Order

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

Audience Recognition – Valerie Pruden addressed the Board.

Approval of Agenda

Member Ross moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Member Althouse seconded the motion. President Allison requested that the agenda be amended to add “Resolution – “ New Tech High.” The amended motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – August 23, 2010 (open and closed session)
2. Treasurer’s Report – August 2010
3. The Board approves the following personnel recommendations:

Leave of Absence

Abby DeValk – Medical Leave beginning approximately 9/15/10.

Ellen Hecksel – Medical Leave beginning September 7, 2010 to approximately December 1, 2010

Hiring of the following support staff:

Kim Belcher –Northwestern Clerical Assistant – Effective 8/30/2010

Kim Estes – Middle School Multi Media Technician – Effective 8/30/2010

Jo McCreery – Greyhound Intermediate – Clerical Assistant – Effective 8/30/2010

Markie McRae – Lockwood Multi Media Technician - Effective 8/30/2010

Jenny Oliver – Lockwood Clerical Assistant – Effective 8/30/2010

Lora Pratt – Northwestern Multi Media Technician – Effective 8/30/2010

Bonnie Young – Building Engineer – Northwestern Elementary – Effective 8/30/2010

Tammy Mongar –High School - Health Care Aide – Effective 9/7/2010

DeAnn Ford – Greyhound Intermediate - Health Care Aide – Effective 9/7/2010

Kim Rogers – Lockwood Elementary – Lunch/Playground – Effective 9/7/2010

Sheryl Lightner – High School – ISS Aide - Effective 9/7/2010

Colleen Stone – Middle School – Lunch/Playground Aide – Effective 9/7/2010

Part-Time Custodians – Kimberly Adee, Karen Long, Scott Marshall, Anthony Oliver, Scott Paradis, Debra Ribby, Chasity Rudd, and Shirley Whittum

## Approval of Consent Agenda - continued

### Hiring of the following teachers:

Janice Buchanan – Lockwood/Northwestern – Art Teacher – Effective 8/30/2010  
Courtney Harless – Greyhound Intermediate – Spanish Teacher – Effective 8/30/2010  
Todd Hicks – Lockwood Elementary .60 fte PE Teacher – Effective 8/30/2010  
Kylee Lonn – Greyhound Intermediate .50 fte Resource Room – Effective 8/30/2010  
Jessica Smith – Greyhound Intermediate - .95 fte Tech/ELA/Drama Teacher –  
Effective 8/30/2010  
Leslie Wetzal – High School – Math Teacher – Effective 8/30/2010  
Kelly Briggs – Lockwood Elementary – (.50 fte) Kindergarten Teacher – Effective 8/31/2010

### Resignations:

Michelle McGarry – HS Lunch Aide - Effective 8/30/2010  
Amanda Musser – HS Café Helper – Effective 8/30/2010

*The consent agenda is unanimously adopted.*

### Reports

President's Report was given by Jeff Allison.  
Superintendent's Report was given by Bill DeFrance.  
Finance Committee – Report will be part of the Budget Update.  
Marketing Committee was given by Gary Wichman.  
Personnel Committee was given by Brian Ross.

### New Tech High Resolution

Member Althouse moved that the Board of Education approve Eaton Rapids Public School district to participate in the New Tech High Consortium as an experimental/ pilot program for 2010-2013. Member Wichman seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### Presentations

- Space Camp Presentation was given by Rebecca Ely.
- Budget Planning – Superintendent DeFrance gave a presentation on the State of Michigan's financial situation as it relates to school funding.
- Budget Update - Collin Smith gave an update on the 2010-2011 budget.

Audience Recognition – No one addressed the Board.

### Executive Session

Member Ross moved at 8:35 p.m. that the Board of Education move into closed session in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Section 8(c) Negotiation Strategies. Member Wichman seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yes: Allison, Althouse, Platte, Ross, Wichman, Wyckoff; No: (0). The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 9:45 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Ross  
Board Secretary



