



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education
held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at
the Administration and Services Center**

Gary Oyster, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Becker, Peggy Bush, Wendy Byard, Brad Haggadone, Mike Nolan, Gary Oyster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Keller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following Murphy Students led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance: Jacob LaBar, Tyler Kopka, Aaron Hudspeth, Henry Kalisz, Nathan Bergstrom, Esmeralda Sanchez and Madison Porritt.

INTRODUCTION

Assistant Superintendent Mark Rajter introduced Matt Miller, the new Director of Finance, to the Board of Education. Board members welcomed Matt to Lapeer Community Schools. Matt will begin his new position on December 14.

PRESENTATION

Murphy Elementary Principal Jeff Stanton explained that Murphy has four Robotics teams. He introduced one of the Robotics teams and their leaders to the Board. The Robotics students presented their robot and explained how they built it and are competing with it.

Mr. Stanton and Learning Coach Amy Duncan presented information on Murphy's technology focus throughout the school including the four robotics teams. Learning Coaches are providing training for teachers with a focus on differentiated classrooms. Murphy is providing students with many leadership opportunities through student council, the LINKS program, bus/lunch buddies, and Murphy Live.

Mrs. Duncan explained they working to bring parents, students and staff together by having everyone read the same book. All staff (including secretaries, para's, cooks, custodian and bus drivers) will receive a copy of the same book. The title of the book is not being divulged at this time. Students will be given hints to the title of the book and an assembly will be held when they are ready to launch the program.

Board members thanked the students, Mr. Stanton and Mrs. Duncan for their presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Gary Oyster read the following statement: A Board meeting is a meeting of school district business held in the public; it is not a public meeting. The Board is not going to respond to those making public comment, but will direct the Superintendent to follow up with the presenter. Thirty minutes is set aside for public comment so each presenter is being asked to keep their

comments brief. The Board does not comment in public on any student or employee, and ask the presenters to be respectful of any person they comment about.

Mark Gillam addressed the Board of Education.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Items

1. That the minutes from the November 5, 2015 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.
2. That the minutes from the November 19, 2015 Special Meeting be approved as presented.
3. That the minutes from the November 19, 2015 Work Session be approved as presented.
4. Overnight Trip Request for LHS Band to Covenant Hills on July 31 through August 5, 2016.

Moved by Mrs. Byard, supported by Mr. Haggadone, that the reading of the minutes be waived and the consent agenda items be approved as presented. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Haggadone-aye; Nolan-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS/TOPICS

New Board Member Bradly Haggadone thanked the Board for the vote of confidence by appointing him and stated he is honored to be working with them.

Vice President Gary Oyster welcomed Brad to the Board and reminded everyone there are now three Lapeer Community School Alumni as sitting Board members.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Matt Wandrie updated the Board on the baseball/softball complex which is slated to be opened in the spring. The good weather this fall has allowed the contractors to complete much of work.

Mr. Wandrie thanked Mr. Stanton and Mrs. Duncan for their report and encouraged Board members to visit buildings and observe how teaching is done in our District.

Mr. Wandrie said discussion is being held regarding security in our buildings and the gravity of the decisions that need to be made to protect our students. The most important thing we do is to get our students home safely at the end of each day. He and Board will work to find a solution that our parents and community will support by including them along the way. There are a variety of opinions on this topic and he will be helping the Board determine what is best for our community.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mr. Nolan, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Haggadone-aye; Nolan-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Peggy Bush, Board of Education Secretary