



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education
held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at
the Administration and Services Center**

Mike Keller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Becker, Peggy Bush, Wendy Byard, Bradly Haggadone, Mike Keller, Mike Nolan, Gary Oyster.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Nolan led the Board and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Mike Keller read the following statement:

A Board meeting is a meeting of our school district business that is held in the public. It is not a public meeting.

The Board sets aside time for Public Comment. Public comment is not an open forum and requests presenters address the Board. The Board will not respond to those making public comment, but may direct the Superintendent to follow up with the presenters. That lack of response should not be construed as agreement or disagreement with those comments; it is merely the Board staying in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the posted agenda for this meeting.

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.

Ryan LaBarge, Tanya Blaine, Mark Gillim, and John DeAngelis addressed the Board of Education.

REPORTS

Teaching, Learning, and Technology Report – Wendy Byard reported on the TLT Committee Meeting that was held on May 16 when 2016-2017 Budget was discussed.

Student Advocacy and Communication Committee – Denise Becker reported on the SAC Committee Meeting that was held on May 17 when 2016-2017 Budget was discussed.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

2016-2017 Budget – Kim Seifferly and Mark Rajter reviewed the following three major budget assumptions for next year: estimated loss of 200 students; personnel costs (same number/same benefits), and a possible \$120 FTE Foundation Allowance increase.

Mark explained that the Governor and Senate had proposed a \$120 per pupil increase for our district. It was announced at the May Revenue Conference the State is not as strong in the school aid fund as was

projected. Since the Legislature cannot adopt a deficit budget, it places the previously projected increase in jeopardy.

Kim reviewed administrative changes that will be taking place at the high school next year. This was a reduction that was scheduled to take place in 2017-2018, but, after discussion which included the LHS co-principals, it was determined to move forward this year due to several administrative vacancies within the District. Putting the changes in place this year will eliminate hiring a new associate principal this summer and then needing to place an administrator on layoff next spring.

Alternative Compensation Meetings have been held for the last 6 months with all units with the goal of figuring ways to reduce overall long-term costs to the district while providing additional compensation to our employees in each unit. Suggestions from these collaborative meetings will be included in negotiations to help alleviate the deficit for next year.

With a fund balance below 5%, the District is unable to use any of those funds to help balance the budget this year.

In order to balance the budget in the past, the District has been able to keep most of the cuts away from the Student Centered Programs. This is getting more difficult to continue each year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Peggy Bush, Board of Education Secretary