



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education
held on Thursday, March 7, 2013 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, Mike Keller, John Nugent, Jonathan Nugent, Gary Oyster

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kevin Walters introduced Lapeer Community High School student Julien Tindale who led the Board and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION

Gary Oyster, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented Sherryl McLaughlin, Director of Special Education, and Linda Thompson, Director of Transportation, certificates for their thoughtful and timely response to a situation, over the course of a weekend, that helped limit anxiety among many of our special education parents and transportation staff; and for verifying the accuracy of information about the situation in order to calm their fears.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Kevin Walters, principal of Community High School, presented information about Community High School. He reviewed the comprehensive approach that staff is taking to help LCH students be successful and shared testing results that are showing positive improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Mike Keller 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 within that time frame. 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.*

The following people addressed the Board of Education: Bill Gavette, Ted Tomczyk, Maggie Bopra. Jackie Gibbons withdrew her request to speak stating that she though the secondary education presentation would answer her question. Kristi Kigar was not present, but had written a letter to the Board and placed copies at the table.

REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Gary Oyster reported on the Personnel Committee Meeting that was held on February 26 when the superintendent evaluation was discussed.

Teaching, Learning, Technology Committee – John Nugent reported on the TLT Committee Meeting that was held on February 27 the following items were discussed: Healthy Choices Task Force Report; Elementary RtI Update; and AG 5111.01 Homeless Students was discussed.

Student Advocacy and Communication Committee – Wendy Byard reported on the SAC Committee meeting that was held on February 28 when administrative guidelines for the Diversion Program was discussed.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Re-Thinking Secondary Education – Ron Reed explained that the Secondary Magnet, West Complex, Alternative Education, High School Transition, and 9th Grade Transition Task Forces have been meeting for several months to create a recommendation that will give students not only a good learning environment, but other opportunities they currently do not have.

Mr. Wandrie began by reviewing the 2011 survey results showing 64% respondents stating the District should consolidate high schools in some fashion or another and 3% stating the District should not close a high school under any circumstance. He reviewed the 4 year Strategic Plan Proposal that was presented in February 2012 and reviewed the changes in that plan due to recommendations from the Task Forces. The district's goal is to create a world-class academic, athletic, and arts program at the secondary level with increased academic rigor for all students. He reviewed a plan for a flexible day for students so learning can be focused on aptitude and not age. The flexible day will allow students who struggle by giving them equal access to the curriculum by taking 6 full classes. Students that are 2 grade levels below in reading will be provided 6 classes, but will also be expected to attend one of the support times from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM or from 2:15 PM to 3:45 PM. This support could be provided at East, West or a middle school. Transportation would be provided to and from the student's homes for the flex classes and also between the schools.

The following staff members spoke regarding their support for the program and how they feel it will help students in multiple ways: Chad Kenny, Mayfield Elementary teacher and coach; Dan Hundt, Lapeer West Band Director; Jennifer Taylor, Rolland-Warner Middle School Principal; and Kevin Wenzel, 6th grade teacher at Zemmer Middle School and coach.

President Mike Keller thanked the parents, staff and community members who have volunteered their time to serve on the various Task Forces. He thanked Chad Kenny, Dan Hundt, Jennifer Taylor, and Kevin Wenzel for sharing their thoughts and experiences with the Board.

Mr. Keller stated that over the past few years the Board has been presented with recommendations for major cuts in order to balance the budget and he wants that to stop. He stated "We have to create our own economy and change how we work" and "we have to continue to change because the world around us is changing". He thanked Matt Wandrie, staff, parents, and community members for the work they had put into this.

Mr. Wandrie reminded everyone that Lapeer Community Schools will host a community forum on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Lapeer Est High School to review the information presented to Board. It will begin at 6 PM in the auditorium and is open to the public.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Items

1. That the meeting minutes from the February 7, 2013 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.
2. That the meeting minutes from the February 21, 2013 Work Session be approved as presented.
3. That the March 21 Work Session be changed to a Regular Meeting and location be moved to Zemmer Middle School.
4. That the May 16, 2013 Work Session be moved to May 23, 2013.

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

2012-2013 Budget Amendment

Moved by Mr. John Nugent, supported by Mrs. Bush, that the 2012-2013 General Fund amendments be approved as presented. Roll call: Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nugent-aye; Nugent-aye, Oyster-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Legislative Ad Hoc Committee

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mrs. Byard, that a Legislative Ad Hoc Committee be formed for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call: Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nugent-aye; Nugent-aye, Oyster-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Mr. Oyster, supported by Mr. John Nugent, that Closed Session be moved to after Board Member and Superintendent Comments. Roll call: Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nugent-aye; Nugent-aye, Oyster-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members thanked all the staff, parents, and community members that attending the meeting. They appreciate their comments and heartfelt words. They thanked Mr. Walters for his presentation on Community High School.

Board members congratulated Lapeer West Wrestling team for being selected for best sportsmanship by 4 out of 8 of their competitors.

Board members noted that Ron Thwing had passed away this week. Mr. Thwing was former teacher, coach, and administrator for Lapeer Community Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Matt Wandrie the staff members who spoke and thanked Mr. Walters for his presentation.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mr. John Nugent that the Board move to closed session to discuss negotiations and an administrative request pertaining to an evaluation. Roll call: Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nugent-aye; Nugent-aye, Oyster-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting recessed from open session at 9:31 PM. Meeting convened in closed session at 9:42 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Bush, Wendy Byard, Michael Keller, John Nugent, Jonathan Nugent, Gary Oyster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Denise Becker

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Wandrie, Kim Seifferly, Kevin Rose, Ron Reed, Heather Vance, Sherryl McLaughlin.

Meeting returned to open session at 11:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported Mr. John Nugent, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nugent-aye; Nugent-aye, Oyster-aye. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 PM.

John P. Nugent, Board of Education Secretary