



**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education  
held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at  
the Administration and Services Center**

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Mike Keller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Becker, Peggy Bush, Wendy Byard, Mike Keller, John Nugent, Jonathan Nugent, Gary Oyster

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Zemmer Links students led the Board and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board viewed a video of Schickler Students talking about what they like about their school.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. Matt Olson, principal of Zemmer Middle School, introduced teachers Nyla McCoy and Lori VanHoof who presented information on the Adolescent Accelerated Reading Initiative (AARI) taking place at Zemmer Middle School.

Zemmer Middle School Science Teachers, Patrick Lothrop and Jaime Benson, explained how they incorporate the School Improvement Plan goals into their curriculum. Zemmer students Marshall VonSteenburg and Alexis Kigar conducted a science experiment and allowed the Board members to participate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REPORTS**

**Teaching, Learning, Technology Committee** – John Nugent reported on the TLT Committee Meeting that was held on March 27 when English AP/Springboard and Clicker Technology and Explore Testing were discussed.

**Finance and Operation Committee** – Peggy Bush reported on the Finance and Operation Committee meeting that was held on April 11 when the following items were discussed: Food Service Contract Renewal; Pavilion at Rolland-Warner (using Grant/Building Internal Funds); Used Bus bids; and Review of Facilities Task Force Recommendation.

**Healthy Choices Task Force** – Sherryl McLaughlin reported on the Healthy Choices Task Force that has been meeting over the last few months. They passed out a draft copy a directory of County resources they are developing to help students who need assistance. They hope to have the directory completed and ready to go out for printing by the end of the month.

They are also working on implementing a district-wide positive behavior intervention and support system that will create a consistent caring culture from building to building. They presented information on a program called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). PBIS will help create an environment where no student falls between the cracks. This program would help create a safe school environment and encourage socially appropriate behaviors from students.

Rolland-Warner Middle School and Zemmer Middle School have both begun the PBIS program this year. Matt Olson, Zemmer Middle School Principal, explained how this program has been working in his school to promote positive behavior among the students and positive transactions between adults and students.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**6-9 Grade Configuration Task Force** – Superintendent Matt Wandrie announced that two special task force sessions have been scheduled to discuss and receive input regarding the future configuration of the district's 6-9 grade program. The sessions are scheduled for April 22 from 6-8 PM at Rolland-Warner Middle School and May 29 from 6-8 PM at Zemmer Middle School. The district is notifying parents and community members by placing this information in school newsletters, on the District website, on Facebook, through School Messenger and through a press release to local newspapers. A final recommendation regarding the configuration of 6-9 grade program will be brought to the Board of Education in June. Board members encouraged parents and staff to attend these task force meetings.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consent Items**

1. That the meeting minutes from the March 7, 2013 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.
2. That the meeting minutes from the March 21, 2013 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.
3. That a special meeting be scheduled for 6:45 PM on May 23, 2013.

Moved by Mr. Oyster, supported by Mr. John Nugent, that reading of the minutes be waived and the consent agenda items be approved as presented. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nugent-aye; Nugent-aye, Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

The Board thanked members of the Healthy Choices Task Force for giving their time and expertise to this committee. They also thanked Zemmer staff and students for their presentations. Board members commented on how they appreciate the way teachers are applying higher order thinking skills in their students.

Mr. Jonathan Nugent shared that, on the recommendation of the District auditors, he is reading *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*, by Dianne Ravitch. He encouraged Board members to read it.

## **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Matt Wandrie shared that he is reading *The Six Secrets of Change: What the Best Leaders Do to Help Their Organizations Survive and Thrive* by Michael Fullan. Secret number one is "Love Your Employees".

He explained the loving your employees means having tough conversations, discipline, and dealing with issues. Using this strategy will help define the culture in our district.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported Mrs. Byard, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nugent-aye; Nugent-aye, Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

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John P. Nugent, Board of Education Secretary