



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education
held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at
the Administration and Services Center**

Mike Keller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Becker, Peggy Bush, Wendy Byard (left at 7:40 PM), Mike Keller, Mike Nolan (arrived at 7:25), Jonathan Nugent, Gary Oyster

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Bush led the Board and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Superintendent Matt Wandrie made the following statement: It is my honor and pleasure to announce that the Board approved the contract for Mr. Mark Rajter as our next Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations. Mark comes to Lapeer from Troy Public Schools where he served in the same capacity. We're pleased to have attracted a candidate of Mark's pedigree considering his background which includes 14 years as the Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer for Oakland Schools, 5 years as the Associate Superintendent of Business for Southfield Public Schools and 4 years in his current position at Troy. Board members welcomed Mark to the District.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION TOPICS

MASB Delegate Assembly

Mike Keller led a discussion regarding delegates from our Board for the MASB Delegate Assembly. The MASB Delegate assembly determines what challenges MASB will take on at the State Level. He explained that the Board needs to identify two Board members and possibly an alternate to serve on the MASB Delegate Assembly. Board members were asked to contact the Superintendent's office they would like serve. The Board would need to take official action at the October 2 meeting regarding Delegates.

Launch Update

In order to keep the Board up to date regarding how the changes are going in our buildings, Central Office Staff presented the following information:

Food Service – Jared Field provided information regarding the rumors that there was not enough seating or food in the Lapeer High School Cafeteria. Jared reported that he has been to the building multiple times during lunches and the cafeteria is running very efficiently. Wait times at lunches were taken during the second week of school. During that period of time the average wait times decreased substantially in all four lunches. Jared explained that the complaints related to too little time to eat were largely due to the "Ready-Set-Deli" service station. This station is

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similar to Subway and is very popular among the students. For obvious reasons this is the slowest line in all four periods. Also, all four lunches have ample seating for students and there are not students standing. He noted that students seem happy and are enjoying the renovated space.

Transportation – Matt Wandrie explained that the District is in its third week of school and things are moving along well. Transportation adjustments were made on a daily basis for the first week or two of school. At this time everyone is getting used to the new transfers and routing changes that were necessary to accommodate our new programs. He explained that we are currently transporting 84 out-of-district students, 46 of which are new to the district this year.

Safety and Security – Matt Wandrie explained that new secure entrances were installed at Schickler, Mayfield and Murphy Elementary's and reports from parents, principals and secretaries have been very positive.

He stated that there has been concern among the community that the high school is too crowded. The State Fire Marshall visited the site and provided a positive report regarding student safety and capacity. He assured the Board that the capacity at Lapeer High School is well within the State guidelines.

Minor parking adjustments were made after the first day of school and there are now adequate parking spaces for all students, staff and visitors.

Staff and Student Schedule Changes – Kim Seifferly reviewed the general procedures on staffing. She explained that changes in student and teacher schedules happens every year. There were a few more changes this year due to more bodies in seats than we had projected. Most schedule conflicts were resolved by the end of the second week. Kim explained that 20 of the 22 teachers layed off in June have been recalled. The two not recalled hold unique certifications and we were unable to place them.

Incorporating Ninth Graders into High School Activities – Michelle Bradshaw explained that the 9th graders are being include in the all the homecoming festivities. Ninth graders are invited to come the high school at 5 AM on October 3 (Homecoming) to participate in Channel 12's School Spirit Challenge. Student will be transported back to Zemmer in time for school and will be transported back to the high school for the Homecoming Assembly that afternoon. Ninth graders are also invited to attend the Homecoming Dance being held on Saturday evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Peggy Bush, supported by Mr. Nolan, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Peggy Bush, Board of Education Secretary