



**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education  
held on Thursday, November 7, 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, Wendy Byard, Peggy Bush, Mike Keller, Mike Nolan, Jonathan Nugent, Gary Oyster

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PRESENTATION**

Principal Matt Olson presented information about Zemmer Middle School. He explained that their focus is on student growth and achievement. Students Joe Tidrick and Sydney Barker explained to the Board how the Springboard program is pushing them academically and socially. Students Nathan Jasper and Alex LaSalle presented information on the LCHAMPS program which is an accelerated mathematics program. Foreign Language Teachers Russ Reitz and Marcia Clem talked about the World Language program. Science Teachers Patrick Lothrop and Jaime Benson shared how they have changed their teaching techniques and are seeing tremendous growth in their students so far this year. They shared examples on how they are instructing the students.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Regina Starr addressed the Board of Education.

**REPORTS**

**Audit Review-Plante Moran** – Eric Formberg and Andrea Watroba from Plante Moran reviewed the audit results for the 2012-2013 school year. During the presentation to the Board, the Auditors noted that they found no issues in this year's audit. Mr. Formberg stated that Lapeer Community Schools has made strong financial decisions and he foresees strong financial stability in the future thanks to the series of sound decisions made over the course of the last three years. Board members congratulated Kevin Rose and his department on the excellent audit results.

**Student Advocacy and Communication Committee** – Denise Becker reported on the SAC Committee meeting that was held on October 24 when the Senior Innovation Center and AP Capstone were discussed.

Discussion took place regarding the plans for the Innovation Center that will be housed at the Lapeer West site beginning in the fall of 2014. There will be multiple programs housed in the building including the alternative high school.

The AP Capstone program is an innovative, new diploma program that gives students an opportunity to apply critical thinking, collaborative problem-solving, and research skills in a cross-curricular context.

**Legislative Ad Hoc Committee** – Jonathan Nugent reported on the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on October 28 when they discussed educational concerns with State Representative Kevin Daley and State Representative Terry Brown.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Items**

November 7, 2013 Board Minutes

1. That the meeting minutes from the October 3, 2013 Board of Education Meeting be approved as presented.
2. That the meeting minutes from the October 17, 2013 Special Meeting be approved as presented.
3. That the meeting minutes from the October 17, 2013 Work Session be approved as presented.
4. That the following policies be approved for first reading: Policy 5112 Entrance Age; Policy 5113.01 Schools of Choice (Intra-District); Policy 7540.07 Personal Internet Account Privacy Students; Policy 7540.08 Personal Internet Account Privacy – Staff; and Policy 7542 Access to District Technology Resources from Personal Communication Devices.
5. That Policy 8453.01 Control of Blood-Borne Pathogens be approved for Second Reading and Adoption;
6. That Rolland-Warner students be allowed to travel Lansing on November 24-26, 2013.
7. That the March 20, 2014 Work Session be changed to March 27, 2014.
8. That Board Workshops be held on January 16 and February 27, 2014 from 6:00-9:00 PM.

Policy 6110 Grant Funds and Policy 8800 Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observations were pulled from the consent grouping.

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

Policy 6110 Grant Funds and Policy 8800 Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observations will be reviewed and brought back to the Board at the December meeting for first reading.

#### **Snow Plow Bids**

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mrs. Becker, that the Snowplow bids be awarded as follows: Group A be awarded to Bill Jostock Snowplowing for an amount not to exceed \$1,690 for 2-6" and \$2,640 for greater than 6"; Group B be awarded to Novak Construction for an amount not to exceed \$2,095 for 2-6" and \$3,775 for greater than 6"; and Group C be awarded to B&B Lawn and Landscape for an amount not to exceed \$740 for 2-6" and \$1,110 for greater than 6". Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Resolution Authorizing 2013 Limited Tax School Building and Site Bonds**

Moved by Mrs. Oyster, supported by Mr. Nolan, that the Resolution Authorizing 2013 Limited Tax School Building and Site Bonds be approved as presented. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Student #31319 Readmittance Request**

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mr. Oyster, that student #31319 be readmitted with the following conditions: The student remain at the virtual learning center to complete all requirements for graduation; the student receives consistent and continued social work support servicing by the district social worker; the student completes the requirements as outlined in the MMC to complete all portions of the Michigan Merit Exam; there are no further violations of the student code of conduct; and with the exception of the graduation ceremony, the student not be allowed to participate in any other school/district related activities or events. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board members thanked Mr. Olson and Zemmer staff and students for their presentations. Mrs. Bush congratulated recent Alumni Hall of Honor inductees Joseph Devieu, class of 1946, Dean Eckersley, class of 1936, Dennis Keefer, class of 1968, and Jake Long, Class of 2003.

Mr. Nugent and Mr. Oyster attended several workshops at the Michigan Association of School Boards Annual Conference in Lansing. The workshops were very helpful and they encourage the rest of the Board to attend next year.

Mr. Oyster congratulated Lapeer West High School for winning the Metro League Championship and making it to the first round of the playoffs. He also congratulated East Tennis coach Oscar Rodriguez for being recognized as the Metro League Coach of the Year by his peers.

Board members thanked the voters for supporting the non-homestead millage on November 5.

### **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Matt Wandrie thanked the community for supporting the Non-homestead millage which is a significant component to the District's financing. He is pleased with the great job Mr. Olson and staff are doing at Zemmer. He appreciates that they are embracing "One Lapeer" and collaborating with staff at Rolland-Warner Middle School.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported 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 9:15 PM.

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Peggy Bush, Board of Education Secretary