



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2017

Jackson Seifferly, Rolland-Warner 6th Grader, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken Janczarek, Director of Innovation, shared information on the unique programs taking place at the Center for Innovation. CFI currently has a total of 850 students, participating in eight different programs, from seven grade levels, participating in classes throughout the day at CFI. They are striving to break the mold of “traditional” schooling and looking for ways to stretch and challenge all students to reach their highest potential.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) teachers, Jaime Ratliff and Patrick Lothrop, reviewed their program. They introduced 8th grade students Hunter Giddings and Jakob Roemer, who have been in PLTW all three years. Hunter and Jacob shared what they have learned by being a part of this program.

Sixth grade PLTW students, Jackson Seifferly and Karina Reitz, shared the challenges they faced when they borrowed the Board President’s gavel and sound block and reproduced them using the 3D printer. The gavel and sound block were presented to the Board of Education.

Seventh grade PLTW students Daisy Putnam and Carson VanDever, conducted a DNA test using saliva from Superintendent Matt Wandrie and Jennifer Tindall, Director of Special Education and Student Services.

Lapeer Virtual students Caine Dodson and Mitchell Corriveau, talked about how the virtual program has allowed them to continue with other interests that takes them out of state and work toward a high school diploma. LVLC teacher, Michelle Pheiffer explained that virtual students are a very diverse group and students and parents choose this type of education for different reasons. Students can be 100% virtual or blend virtual classes with traditional classes. Each virtual student is assigned a Lapeer teacher as a mentor.

Troy Norman, site director for the Ombudsman program, explained that they have students in their program from all walks of life. Most of them struggled in the traditional classroom and have found success in the Ombudsman program. They expect to have 40 graduates from the program this year. Ombudsman students, Sharlyn Dendy and Roger Thelen shared their thoughts on the program with the Board.

Jordan Smith and Adam O’Connor from the Senior Capstone program presented information they are working on. Senior Capstone consists of 3 different blocks each day. Students collaborate and work together on projects meant to prepare them for the 21st century work force.

Mrs. Bush, Chairperson, reported the Finance and Operation Committee meeting that was held on January 23 when the following items were discussed: Administrative Guideline for “Dangerous Weapons”; Land Lease Award; Schickler Property Swap; and Revenue Conference Update.

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the January 5, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- Minutes from the January 19, 2017 Special Meeting.
- Minutes from the January 19, 2017 Work Session.
- Changed the March 2, 2017 Board Meeting to March 9, 2017.
- Rolland-Warner/Zemmer Student Council to travel to Leelanau Outdoor Center in Maple City, Michigan on May 22-25, 2017.
- Lapeer High School Key Club to travel to Lansing, Michigan on March 10-12, 2017.
- 2016-2018 LEA Master Agreement.

Board members thanked Mr. Janczarek and CFI staff and students for their wonderful presentations.

Mrs. Byard reminded Board members and the audience about the Project Graduation fundraiser taking place on Friday at LHS.

Mrs. Peabody announced she is excited to attend Murphy Elementary's spelling bee next week where she will serve as a judge.

Mr. Nolan asked everyone to mark February 21 on their calendars. Lapeer High School Varsity and Junior Varsity girls' basketball teams will be wearing pink in support of breast cancer awareness. He urged everyone that could to attend and wear pink.

Superintendent Matt Wandrie thanked Mr. Janczarek, staff and students for their presentations. He is pleased with the innovation that is taking place at CFI.

Mr. Wandrie announced he is looking forward to working with staff, parents and community members on the new strategic planning process which will begin soon. He also announced they will begin working on a 2017-2018 budget process starting with a presentation at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Wandrie invited parents and staff to stay involved and continue to attend the Board of Education meetings.

Mr. Wandrie thanked Human Resources Director, Kim Seifferly, and the bargaining teams for their hard work that ended with a settled contract for Lapeer's teachers.