



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, January 7, 2016

The following Mayfield Students led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance:
Andrew Purvis, Seth Gavin, Hunter Purves

With the change a few years ago of School Board elections from May to November, election of Board officers and appointment of school staff must be done at the first January meeting each year. Therefore, the following Board Officers were elected for 2016: Mike Keller was elected to serve as Board President; Gary Oyster was elected to serve as Board Vice President, and Peggy Bush was elected to serve as Board Secretary. Mark Rajter was appointed as treasurer and Karen Rowden was appointed as recording secretary.

The Board President was given authorization to appoint members and chairpersons to the following committees for 2016: Finance and Operation; Student Advocacy and Communication; Teaching, Learning, and Technology, and Personnel. The Board President was also authorized to appoint members and a chairperson to the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee.

Jonathan Nugent, who resigned from the Board in October 2015, was presented with a plaque and thanked for his service on the Board of Education.

Food Service employee Christine Ball was recognized by the Board of Education for her quick action on December 18 when an LHS student began choking during breakfast. Christine quickly administered the Heimlich Maneuver to free the airway and the student was able to go on to class.

The Board of Education recognized Scott Smith for his 16 years of service as Food Service Director for Lapeer Community Schools and wished him well on his retirement.

Joanne VanHouten, the District's new Food Service Director and Christine Moses, Assistant Director for Food Service, were introduced to the Board of Education.

On behalf of Chartwell's, Mary Darnton, District Manager for School Dining Services, presented a \$5,000 check to the LeaderFund Educational Foundation.

Mayfield Elementary Principal Mike Goetz introduced first grade teachers Debbie Daley and Shelly Forgione. Mrs. Daley and Mrs. Forgione explained how they collaborated on lesson plans teaching the students how to figure the answer to a story problem through cognitive teaching.

Learning Coach Lisa Pasek reviewed the Cognitive coaching model for teachers. The Learning Coaches in the District are coaching teachers on how to teach students to be self-directed learners.

Mr. Goetz introduced Lisa and Bob Renshaw and Shannon Purves. These parents/grandparents are volunteers who run the backpack program for three of our elementary buildings. Through this program, sponsored by the Sunrise Kiwanis, students who qualify are provided with two breakfasts and lunches every weekend. They are hoping to get the other elementary buildings involved in the program soon.

Board members thanked Mr. Goetz and his staff for the presentation. They were pleased to see what is taking place at Mayfield Elementary.

Board members thanked Jon Nugent for his service and the honor to serve on the Board of Education with him. They thanked Christine Ball for her quick action in saving the life of one our students.

The Board appreciates Scott Smith's service to the District and wished him well in his retirement. They also congratulated Joanne VanHouten and Christine Moses on their new positions in our Food Service Department.

Several Board members attended the "Rube Goldberg" presentation at CFI on December 18. Students engineered different types of mechanisms to work together to complete simple tasks. They are pleased with the learning that is taking place at the CFI and enjoyed the presentation.

Mr. Nolan announced January 26 will be Breast Cancer Awareness night for all three levels of Girls' basketball. He invites everyone to attend the games to support the athletes and a great cause.

Mr. Keller informed the Board that Senate Bill 571 was recently passed with added language that would make it illegal for districts to use funds to educate communities regarding bond elections. There is talk that there may be an amendment to this bill and he urged everyone to contact Senator Mike Green's office to let him know this needs to be corrected. If a district is trying to pass a bond, they must be allowed to educate the community.

Superintendent Wandrie thanked Mr. Goetz and his staff for their presentation. Cognitive coaching and collaborative teaching is going to fundamentally transform our classrooms.