



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, January 8, 2015

The following Lynch Elementary students from Mrs. Callans' class led the Board of Education and audience in the pledge of allegiance: Abby Allen; Kaylynn Collins; Keenan Johnston; Alanna Rundell; and Alida Wing.

With the change a few years ago of School Board elections from May to November, election of Board officers and appointment of school staff is done in January. Therefore, the following Board Officers were elected for 2015: 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 2015: 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.

Ryan West, Lynch Elementary Principal, presented a video that showed a "snapshot" of what is happening at Lynch Elementary this year.

Cori Lomerson, first grade teacher and certified PLTW (Project Lead the Way) launch leader, reviewed how PLTW is being used at Lynch Elementary and how classrooms are becoming student centered learning environments. PLTW challenges students to be thinkers and problem solvers and provides innovative opportunities for all students.

The Board approved Policy 9800, High School Diplomas to World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Era Veterans, for second reading and adoption.

Board members thanked the Lynch Elementary Students for leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and thanked Mr. West and Mrs. Lomerson for their informative presentation.

Skinner Lake is having a "Winter Hike Day" on Saturday, January 31, from 11 AM – 3 PM. Board members thanked Beth Rupprecht for planning this event for the community.

Flu season is here and is hitting hard. Everyone is reminded to wash their hands often and parents are encouraged to keep their students home if they are ill and have a fever.

Former teacher Linda Priestap wrote a letter to the editor of the County Press stating that, again this year, the students and staff of Lapeer Community Schools cooperatively collected countless non-perishable items for Goodfellows. She thanked Lapeer Schools students and staff for their kind hearts, giving spirits, and hard work to help those in need.

Board members thanked Fiat-Chrysler for partnering with Schickler Elementary and providing 10 families with Christmas gifts. One person from Chrysler even donated a brand new washer and dryer to the school. Their generosity was truly appreciated.

Board members voiced their condolences to the families of the two Lakeville students that were killed in a traffic accident earlier today. It was suggested that high school staff provide our students with some safe winter driving tips. Mr. Wandrie will contact the high school co-principals with this suggestion.

Congratulations to the two Zemmer and Rolland Warner Robotics teams who will participate in the State Championship Saturday morning.

Board members thanked Superintendent Matt Wandrie for his leadership. They are pleased with the direction in which he is leading the District.

Frustration was voiced regarding the recent announcement from the State of Michigan that the SAT will be used as the state-administered college assessment exam beginning in 2016. This announcement from the State was a surprise and will have a major impact on Districts across the State of Michigan. Board members feel it is critical that school districts continue to educate our legislators with what is happening in our schools.

Superintendent Wandrie agreed that the change to the SAT was a surprise to school officials and the administration will begin working on figuring out exactly what impact this will have on the District.

January is Board Member Appreciation Month in the State of Michigan. Mr. Wandrie thanked Board members for their dedication to the District and for their love of education. The hours that they put in each month for the sake of our staff and students is appreciated.