



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, March 6, 2014

Lapeer Community High School Principal Matt Olson presented information on "A True Alternative". He explained that the Community High School students will be going through a transition next year just like the rest of the high school students in the district. The Community High School staff are working on ways to connect with kids, get them to discover their potential, and then have them succeed by receiving a high school diploma. Students who are having difficulty succeeding in the traditional high school setting are finding success at Community High School.

Mr. Oyster reported on the Personnel Committee Meeting that was held on February 25, 2014 when the superintendent's evaluation was discussed.

Mrs. Bush reported on the Finance and Operation Committee Meeting that was held on February 27, 2014 when the following items were discussed: bids for used buses; bids for music storage room addition; and amendment to the City of Lapeer Property Annexation Resolution.

The following items were approved by the Board:

- Policy 3131 Reduction and Retention of Professional Staff was approved for second reading and adoption.
- Lapeer East and West Calculus Class will be allowed to travel to Cedar Point on May 15, 2014.
- The Robotics Team be allowed to travel to Traverse City, Michigan on March 20-22, 2014 for District Competition. If they qualify, they will also be allowed to travel to State Competition in Ypsilanti, Michigan on April 9-12, 2014 and to the National Competition in St. Louis, Missouri on April 24-27, 2014.
- Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements was approved for first reading.
- A bid for construction of the Lapeer High School Music Storage Addition was awarded to Envision Builders for an amount not to exceed \$222,000.00.
- A bid for 8 used buses was awarded to Hoekstra Transportation for an amount not to exceed \$449,847.00.
- A Supplemental Resolution in Support of Property Annexation (City of Lapeer) was approved.
- A 2013-2014 General Fund Amendment was approved as presented.

Board members thanked the staff for all the work that they are putting into the planning and execution of the consolidation of the high schools. The district is setting high academic expectations for students in order for them to find success in college and in their careers of choice.

Board members also thanked the coaches, principals and athletic directors who have been working on the new athletic uniforms and the band directors for their work in designing the new band uniforms.

Mr. Oyster announced that he was a judge at the Schickler Elementary Spelling Bee and Denise Becker announced she was a judge at the Mayfield Elementary Spelling Bee.

Mr. Nugent thanked Applebees for last week's fundraiser where they donated a percentage of the proceeds to the new Lapeer High School Athletic Department. He and his wife attended the fundraiser and it was huge success.

Mr. Keller thanked Mr. Olson for taking the lead in the transition for Community High School.

Superintendent Matt Wandrie congratulated the following wrestlers for placing in the top 4 in the State in their respective weight classes: Dillon Ellsworth (East), Dan Perry (East) and Noah Raymond (West).

Mr. Wandrie thanked Varsity Football Coach Mike Smith and Coach Jake Weingartz for working together and doing such a fantastic job in blending the two teams. The coaches, along with East and West administrators, put all differences aside for the good of the students and are working together to make the consolidation a success. They are showing that it truly is all about the kids.

Mr. Wandrie also thanked Band Directors Lyniece Fenner and Dan Hundt for their work designing the new band uniforms.

Mr. Wandrie presented information the about the new athletic facility to YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) prior to the Board meeting. This committee is an advisory committee to its parent group, the Lapeer County Community Foundation. This committee is made of students representing high schools throughout the County. He was proud to present to them and felt it was a great example of local kids getting involved in their community.

After convening in closed session to review the superintendent's evaluation, President Mike Keller made the following statement:

The Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education has concluded and reviewed its annual evaluation of Superintendent Matt Wandrie. After a rigorous examination of evaluations from every level of the organization, the Board is pleased to announce Wandrie has received high performance scores in all areas: Educational Leadership, Staff Relations, Community Relations, Board Relations, Business and Finance, Personal Qualities and Goal Achievement.

We are excited about the future of the District and Matt's role in it. As a direct result of his leadership, Lapeer Community Schools now possesses not only the vision but the structure to become a destination school district. We look forward to working closely with him well into the future.

During his tenure, the District has adhered to an ambitious four-year strategic plan that includes a high school consolidation, a reinvention of the secondary program and more choices for students than ever before. He has developed an academic plan that expands opportunities for extra support and increased rigor for students without compromising the traditional schedule. During his tenure, LCS became the first school district in Michigan to offer the year-round calendar at the middle level and the first to offer AP Capstone, an advanced diploma program from CollegeBoard. We are especially proud of Wandrie's leadership aimed at the development of the Center for Innovation - West Campus (Fall 2014) as well as the planned expansion and renovation of the District Athletic Complex.

The last three years serve as great examples of what can happen when a community comes together to solve problems. Matt has led by example; his engagement with our community in the process is a model for how to approach complex issues with an open mind to out-of-the-box solutions. We are encouraged by the strong working relationship we have developed in order to lead the district in a positive direction. For all these reasons, the Board is currently working with him through conversations relative to a long term commitment to the school district.