



# Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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## Board of Education Meeting Thursday, June 2, 2016

Turrill students led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lapeer High School Spanish Teacher, Mr. Brian Mauk, introduced students Kristine Martinez, Jonathan Bright, Thomas Dayton, and Brendan Dunavant who spoke about their recent trip to Costa Rica. Mr. Mauk explained that the State Standard for foreign language is to use the language beyond the classroom setting. The students shared information on their trip and explained how they used their Spanish skills to communicate with the locals that they met.

Turrill Elementary Principal Ken Janczarek updated the Board on how his Staff is working to meet the District Goals. Teachers Theresa Hribar, and Jennifer Christian, along with Learning Coach Beth Shemanski, shared information on effective collaboration, lab classrooms, and how they are working to build leadership skills within the staff.

Mrs. Christian explained the process they followed to develop and write a "Turrill Pledge". Students Madison White, Jeremiah Stephens, Isaiah White, Jenna Lomerson, Emily Christian, and Mohlie Shrontz recited the following Turrill Pledge for the Board: We are the Turrill Lightning Bolts! We will follow the Lightning BOLTS code. We will strive to be organized, to be a leader, to be trustworthy, and successful every day. Here at Turrill we BOLT UP!

The Board approved the following items:

- That the Budget Hearing be set for June 23, 2016 at 6:30 PM.
- That the Organizational Meeting be set for July 7, 2016 at 9:00 AM.
- That 3 conventional buses and one special needs bus be purchased from Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$249,468.
- That the Probationary Teacher Performance Resolution be approved as presented.
- That the Reduction of Staff: Notification of Layoff Resolution be approved as presented.

Board members thanked Mr. Janczarek, his staff, and the students for their presentation. They thanked the staff for all they do for the students every day.

Mrs. Becker was pleased to have recently attended STEM day at Lynch Elementary. She explained how the students had created containers to protect eggs and then watched as they were dropped from the roof by Mr. West.

Mr. Haggadone recently attended Murphy's talent show and was impressed with the talent shown by the students.

Mrs. Byard and Mr. Nolan had attended the honors programs for the underclassmen at Lapeer High School.

Mr. Oyster recently attended Disability Awareness Day at Schickler Elementary. He was pleased with the cooperation between the students, staff, and outside agencies that made the day a success. He also attended a presentation from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes to McLaren Hospice. As part of a Service Learning Project, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students decorated canvas bags and filled them with items for hospice patients. It was a wonderful lesson in civics and citizenship.

Mr. Oyster announced that his term is expiring at the end of this calendar year and he has decided not to run for re-election. The election to fill his vacancy will be in November.

Board members stated the District continues to fight declining enrollment which is mainly due to lower birthrates in Lapeer County. Unfortunately, as the enrollment declines, it is necessary to lay off staff. They voiced sadness at the necessary lay-offs and will continue to do everything they can to bring new families into District.

Superintendent Wandrie thanked Mr. Janczarek, his staff, and students for their presentation.

Mr. Wandrie is pleased to see the teachers and paraprofessionals that are working one on one with our students. The Lab Classroom component has teachers teaching their co-workers. This is making our schools better and improving instruction.

Mr. Wandrie wished Lapeer Community School graduates a safe and fun graduation.

Mr. Wandrie reminded everyone that the next Board Meeting is June 23, which is in three weeks.