



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, November 5, 2015

Co-Principal and Chief Academic Officer Doug Lindsay presented information on Lapeer High School. He introduced Co-Principal and Chief Operations Officer Tim Zeeman, assistant principal Shad Spilski, and counselors Jan Ciaramella and Julie Pecore who presented information on college awareness for all students. They are working on developing a "going to college" culture which does not necessarily mean a traditional 4 year program. They are including information on 2 year programs, trade schools, and the armed forces in this program. The High School Counseling office has started a paper called the "Counseling Communicator" that is passed out to students in their English classes and is placed on the website. They have also begun a program where students and parents can sign up to receive text reminders each day about different deadlines and happenings.

Teachers Kathy Hayes, Mary Boomer, and Theresa Vermeesch shared information on the Strategies classes they are teaching and how they have been restructured this year. Their goal is to make prepared and successful students.

Learning Coach Taylor Rutledge spoke about her new position at the high school. This is the first year the high school has had a learning coach and it is going well. She has been working on building the teacher's trust and they are beginning to come to her to ask for help with new teaching strategies.

Board members thanked Doug, Tim and their staff for the informative presentation. They are pleased with the new opportunities being provided to our students and feel strongly that what they are doing is creating a culture of positivity and excellence for their students.

Mr. Wandrie explained that this year's theme for the building presentations is "Know Your Learner" and it is obvious that Lapeer High School is doing just that. What they are doing will yield tremendous results for our kids in the future.

Bradly Haggadone and DeAnna Dach addressed the Board of Education regarding their interest in filling the position on the Board of Education vacated by Jonathan Nugent. Board members thanked Brad and DeAnna for their presentations and will appoint one of them to fill the vacancy at a special meeting scheduled for 6:45 PM on November 19, 2015.

Mrs. Becker reported on the SAC Committee Meeting that was held on October 26 when the following items were discussed: Athletic Conference; Athletic Complex; and future meetings.

Mrs. Bush reported on the F&O Committee Meeting that was held on October 29 when the following items were discussed: snow plow bids; audit review; and district property.

Mark Rajter introduced Eric Formberg and Brianne Huber from the District's independent auditor Plante Moran. Eric and Brianne presented the 2014-2015 audit results to the Board. The District received an "unmodified opinion" which is the best opinion that could be received.

The Board of Education approved the following items:

- a special meeting for 6:45 PM on November 19, 2015
- Canceled Board meetings scheduled for March 17, 2016, March 31, 2016, and April 21, 2016 and scheduled those meetings to be held on March 24, 2016, April 14, 2016, and April 28, 2016.
- Awarded the following snow plow bids:
 - **Group A** (Lapeer High School, Zemmer, Lynch, Mayfield, and Schickler) to Bill Jostock Snowplowing, Lapeer, MI for an amount not to exceed \$1,990 (2" – 6") and \$3,240 (6" or more) per plow;

- **Group B** (Bus Garage, Kids & Co Lot, CFI, Maple Grove, Turrill and Rolland-Warner) to Novak's Construction, Almont, MI for an amount not to exceed \$2,170 (2" – 6") and \$3,990 (6" or more) per plow; and
- **Group C** (A&SC, Cramton, and Murphy) to B & B Lawn and Landscape, North Branch, MI, for an amount not exceed \$755 (2" – 6") and \$1,132.50 (6" or more) per plow.

Gary Oyster stated that he attended the Alumni Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony held in the Board Room on November 1. He congratulated Beth Potter Knolton (Class of 1980), Donald McCallum (Class of 1956), and Mike Smith (Class of 1980) as the 2015 inductees.

Board members wished the Lapeer Lighting football team good luck in their 2nd round of playoff games being held November 6. They are proud of the athletes and coaches for their sportsmanship and proud of the community for their support.

Superintendent Matt Wandrie explained that due to our declining enrollment and other factors that will effect funding in the future, the District must continue to be innovative and efficient when it comes to budgeting. The employee unions have agreed to attend meetings, led by Kim Seifferly and Mark Rajter, to explore alternative compensation structures. Those meetings will begin soon.