



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, February 6, 2014

Lapeer West Principal Tim Zeeman, along with teachers and students presented information on how Lapeer West High School promotes education and supports the whole child, both socially/emotionally and academically.

Board members thanked Mr. Zeeman, students and staff for their presentation.

Mr. Oyster reported on the Personnel Committee Meeting that was held on January 31 when Policy/Administrative Guideline 3131 Reduction of Professional Staff and Employment of a Non-US Citizen was discussed.

The following items were approved by the Board:

- Policies 2431.02 Managing Heat and Humidity in Interscholastic Programs; 5340.01 Concussions and Athletic Activities; 6520 Payroll Deductions; and 8800 Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observations were approved for second reading and adoption.
- Policy 3131 Reduction and Retention of Professional Staff was approved for first reading.
- After discussion, Policy 8120 Iran Sanctions Act Compliance was withdrawn for approval pending further information.
- A request from the East Key Club to travel to Grand Rapids on March 14-16, 2014 was approved.
- An Elementary Secure Entrance bid was awarded to Usztan Construction for an amount not to exceed \$60,292.00.
- A Resolution authorizing annexation of Schickler Elementary and Zemmer Middle School to the City of Lapeer was approved.

Board members expressed gratitude and appreciation to the District’s bus drivers for keeping our students safe especially during the difficult weather we have experienced this winter.

Board members also expressed appreciation for the \$35,000 grant that the District received from Project Lead The Way (PLTW), the nation’s leading science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program. The grant was made possible by a generous donation from General Motors and will support the implementation of the PLTW Engineering curriculum in our district next fall.

Mr. Keller shared that a new bill was introduced in Lansing to help address snow days by allowing districts to extend the school day in order to make up the time lost to cancellations. He also stated that following a Budget presentation in Lansing earlier this week, it is looking as if school districts in Michigan may be seeing a \$100 - \$120 per student increase in State funding this year.

Superintendent Matt Wandrie explained that he and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Rose presented to 12 members of the House Republican party last week, including the chair of the appropriations committee, Bill Rogers, and representatives from Jase Bolger’s office and members of the House Fiscal Agency regarding funding to districts with declining enrollment. One of the recommendations was that the State use existing data to make “Best Practice” decisions. The officials were very receptive to the recommendations and invited them back to present information again in the near future.

Mr. Wandrie congratulated Lapeer East senior Kyle Rachwal for receiving a full-ride football scholarship to Eastern Michigan University.

Mr. Wandrie and Mr. Rose completed a walkthrough at Lapeer East to review recommendations for improvements prior merging of the high schools next year. He commended the administrative staff for the work that they are doing to make the merger successful. He also commended staff for making this year a quality year for the District’s seniors. Everyone is making sure that planning for the merger is not taking anything away from the senior year experience for this group of students.

Mr. Wandrie explained that the 3rd Innovation Night at Rolland-Warner Middle school had almost 700 people in attendance. He is proud to report there is so much interest within the community in the new programming that will take place next year. The next Innovation Night will be February 11 at Zemmer Middle School at 6 PM and will focus on the new 6-12 program offerings.