



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, April 11, 2013

Zemmer Links students led the Board and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation

Mr. Matt Olson, principal of Zemmer Middle School, introduced teachers Nyla McCoy and Lori VanHoof who presented information on the Adolescent Accelerated Reading Initiative (AARI) taking place at Zemmer Middle School.

Zemmer Middle School Science Teachers, Patrick Lothrop and Jaime Benson, explained how they incorporate the School Improvement Plan goals into their curriculum. Zemmer students Marshall VonSteenburg and Alexis Kigar conducted a science experiment and allowed the Board members to participate.

Committee Reports

John Nugent reported on the TLT Committee Meeting that was held on March 27 when English AP/Springboard and Clicker Technology and Explore Testing were discussed.

Peggy Bush reported on the Finance and Operation Committee meeting that was held on April 11 when the following items were discussed: Food Service Contract Renewal; Pavilion at Rolland-Warner (using Grant/Building Internal Funds); Used Bus bids; and Review of Facilities Task Force Recommendation.

Task Force Report

Sherryl McLaughlin reported on the Healthy Choices Task Force that has been meeting over the last few months. They passed out a draft copy of a directory of County resources they are developing to help students who need assistance. They hope to have the directory completed and ready to go out for printing by the end of the month.

They are also working on implementing a district-wide positive behavior intervention and support system that will create a consistent caring culture from building to building. They presented information on a program called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). PBIS will help create an environment where no student falls between the cracks. This program would help create a safe school environment and encourage socially appropriate behaviors from students.

Rolland-Warner Middle School and Zemmer Middle School have both begun the PBIS program this year. Matt Olson, Zemmer Middle School Principal, explained how this program has been working in his school to promote positive behavior among the students and positive transactions between adults and students.

6-9 Grade Configuration Task Force

Superintendent Matt Wandrie announced that two special task force sessions have been scheduled to discuss and receive input regarding the future configuration of the district's 6-9 grade program. The sessions are scheduled for April 22 from 6-8 PM at Rolland-Warner Middle School and May 29 from 6-8 PM at Zemmer Middle School. The district is notifying parents and community members by placing this information in school newsletters, on the District website, on Facebook, through School Messenger and through a press release to local newspapers. A final recommendation regarding the configuration of 6-9 grade program will be brought to the Board of Education in June. Board members encouraged parents and staff to attend these task force meetings.

Board Action

Board members approved the minutes from the March 7 and March 21 Board of Education Meetings. They also approved a special meeting to begin at 6:45 PM prior to the regularly scheduled Work Session on May 23.

Board Member Comments

The Board thanked members of the Healthy Choices Task Force for giving their time and expertise to this committee. They also thanked Zemmer staff and students for their presentations. Board members commented on how they appreciate the way teachers are applying higher order thinking skills in their students.

Mr. Jonathan Nugent shared that, on the recommendation of the District auditors, he is reading *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*, by Dianne Ravitch. He encouraged Board members to read it.

Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Matt Wandrie shared that he is reading *The Six Secrets of Change: What the Best Leaders Do to Help Their Organizations Survive and Thrive*, by Michael Fullan. Secret number one is "Love Your Employees".