



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, May 2, 2013

The Board viewed a video of Sharlee Lowe, who is a full time student at the Lapeer Virtual Learning Center, and is training for the Olympics in equestrian.

Tony Strump, Assistant Principal at Rolland-Warner Middle School, introduced teachers Becky Margrif, Andrea Brunett, and Barb Bennett, who presented information on school improvement goals.

Virtual Learning/Marketing/Technology Task Force Report

Michele Pheiffer presented information on the new educational option for students at the Lapeer Virtual Learning Center (LVLC) which has had an average of 50 students this year.

Parent Madonna Carpenter spoke on how the LVLC has helped her son with his education.

Jared Field shared the marketing strategies he is using for the LVLC and other marketing options he is exploring for the District.

Board Action

Board members approved minutes from the April 11 and April 25 Board meetings. They also approved the following: to schedule a Board Retreat for 6:00 PM on May 21; to change the June 6 Board of Education Meeting to June 13; approved a bid to purchase eight used buses from Hoekstra Transportation, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$449,510.00; and renewed the Food Service Contract with Chartwell's.

Board Member Comments

Board members commented on the Employee Recognition Banquet that was held the previous night. They felt it was an outstanding celebration and congratulated all the employees that had been honored.

Mrs. Byard was impressed by the video of Shaylee Lowe and all her accomplishments. She also congratulated the Robotics team for taking 5th place at the National Competition held in St. Louis.

Mr. Oyster stated that he participated in the "Take-Out Academy" held at Schickler Elementary. Four teachers passed out reading materials to 65 parents who drove through the parking lot. They have another "Take-Out Academy" planned so they can distribute math supplies.

Mr. Keller attended the 6-9 Grade Configuration Task Force Meeting on April 22. He was pleased that the parents that attended had good dialogue when divided into small groups. He was also pleased with the process that the district is using to determine the 6-9 grade configuration that will begin in 2014. Mr. Keller commented on the accident in Traverse City that killed a high school coach and a high school senior. He also asked that the administration begin researching traffic flow near East for when the high schools are consolidated.

Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Matt Wandrie thanked Mr. Strump and the Rolland-Warner teachers for their presentation. He explained that he has met with students at East and West to answer questions and address any concerns they may have about the consolidation of the high schools. The students seem to understand that there are challenges, but are ready to help meet those challenges and make the consolidation a good experience.

Mr. Wandrie explained that he is putting together a Secondary Oversight Task Force made up of staff, parents and students. This group will provide oversight to all the subcommittees that will be working on the high school consolidation over the next 16 months. The first challenge for this task force will be to oversee a process to determine the mascot and school colors for the new Lapeer High School. This process will have an online survey component so that everyone will have an opportunity to provide input.