



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, November 7, 2013

Principal Matt Olson presented information about Zemmer Middle School. He explained that their focus is on student growth and achievement. Students Joe Tidrick and Sydney Barker explained to the Board how the Springboard program is pushing them academically and socially. Students Nathan Jasper and Alex LaSalle presented information on the LCHAMPS program which is an accelerated mathematics program. Foreign Language Teachers Russ Reitz and Marcia Clem talked about the World Language program. Science Teachers Patrick Lothrop and Jaime Benson shared how they have changed their teaching techniques and are seeing tremendous growth in their students so far this year. They shared examples on how they are instructing the students.

Eric Formberg and Andrea Watroba from Plante Moran reviewed the audit results for the 2012-2013 school year. During the presentation to the Board, the Auditors noted that they found no issues in this year's audit. Mr. Formberg stated that Lapeer Community Schools has made strong financial decisions and he foresees strong financial stability in the future thanks to the series of sound decisions made over the course of the last three years. Board members congratulated Kevin Rose and his department on the excellent audit results.

Denise Becker reported on the SAC Committee meeting that was held on October 24 when the Senior Innovation Center and AP Capstone were discussed. Discussion took place regarding the plans for the Innovation Center that will be housed at the Lapeer West site beginning in the fall of 2014. There will be multiple programs housed in the building including the alternative high school. The AP Capstone program is an innovative, new diploma program that gives students an opportunity to apply critical thinking, collaborative problem-solving, and research skills in a cross-curricular context.

Jonathan Nugent reported on the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on October 28 when they discussed educational concerns with State Representative Kevin Daley and State Representative Terry Brown.

The following items were approved by the Board:

- First reading of Policy 5112 Entrance Age; Policy 5113.01 Schools of Choice (Intra-District); Policy 7540.07 Personal Internet Account Privacy Students; Policy 7540.08 Personal Internet Account Privacy – Staff; and Policy 7542 Access to District Technology Resources from Personal Communication Devices.
- Policy 8453.01 Control of Blood-Borne Pathogens was approved for Second Reading and Adoption.
- Rolland-Warner students will be allowed to travel Lansing on November 24-26, 2013.
- The March 20, 2014 Work Session will be changed to March 27, 2014 due to a conflict with Kindergarten Round up.
- Board Workshops will be held on January 16 and February 27, 2014 from 6:00-9:00 PM.
- Group A snow plow bids were awarded to Bill Jostock Snowplowing for an amount not to exceed \$1,690 for 2-6" and \$2,640 for greater than 6"; Group B was awarded to Novak Construction for an amount not to exceed \$2,095 for 2-6" and \$3,775 for greater than 6"; and Group C was awarded to B&B Lawn and Landscape for an amount not to exceed \$740 for 2-6" and \$1,110 for greater than 6".
- A Resolution Authorizing 2013 Limited Tax School Building and Site Bonds was approved. This resolution is part of the District's on-going facilities upgrade and maintenance review program. It will allow Lighting/HVAC control upgrades at several schools which will generate energy savings. The projected savings will be more than the cost of the energy project. The District will use the excess capital funds to cover the cost of other capital needs during the District's consolidation process.
- A student who completed a 180 expulsion was conditionally reinstated to Lapeer Community Schools.

Board members thanked Mr. Olson and Zemmer staff and students for their presentations. Mrs. Bush congratulated recent Alumni Hall of Honor inductees Joseph Devew, class of 1946, Dean Eckersley, class of 1936, Dennis Keefer, class of 1968, and Jake Long, Class of 2003.

Mr. Nugent and Mr. Oyster attended several workshops at the Michigan Association of School Boards Annual Conference in Lansing. The workshops were very helpful and they encourage the rest of the Board to attend next year.

Mr. Oyster congratulated Lapeer West High School for winning the Metro League Championship and making it to the first round of the playoffs. He also congratulated East Tennis coach Oscar Rodriguez for being recognized as the Metro League Coach of the Year by his peers.

Superintendent Matt Wandrie thanked the community for supporting the Non-homestead millage which is a significant component to the District's financing. He is pleased with the great job Mr. Olson and his staff are doing at Zemmer. He appreciates that they are embracing "One Lapeer" and collaborating with staff at Rolland-Warner Middle School.