



**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education  
held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at  
the Administration and Services Center**

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Summer Putnam, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jaime Hofert, April LaBar, Tim Lipka, Nicole McKenna, Lisa Novak, Summer Putnam and Craig Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lisa Novak led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTING SCHOOL**

Turrill Elementary Principal, Kelly Vangel along with learning coaches Amber Weidinger, Jennifer Christian and Liz Schuett presented information on how Turrill is working to reach District Goal #1: Strategy 1.1 – *Students are supported through a quality curriculum with specific checkpoints throughout their education*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one addressed the Board of Education.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Bond Planning:** Julia Peruski from Barton Malow, presented the timeline for the projects funded by the LCS Bond Proposal passed by voters in November 2022. The entire process involves three phases: design, procurement and construction, which will span over a 3-4 year period. She shared all the current projects that are taking place this summer: LHS exterior site work and science lab renovations; Schickler, Murphy and Turrill multi-purpose additions; bus garage renovations including paving of the parking lot and HVAC upgrades at all the elementary schools. Bond Communication Updates will take place at the affected buildings via bond boards, social posts on the current projects and ongoing internal meetings with LCS staff. In addition, a bond update email will be coming out soon.

**REPORTS**

**Policy Committee**

Lisa Novak reported out on the Policy Committee meeting that was held on February 23, 2024 where Administrative Guidelines (AG) 3130 Assignment and Transfer, AG3131 Reduction and Retention of Professional Staff, AG 3139 Staff Discipline (New) and AG3220 Teacher Performance Evaluation Process were discussed.

**Personnel Committee**

Nicole McKenna reported out on the Personnel Committee meeting that was held on February 7, 2024 where the Superintendent Contract was discussed.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Consent Items

1. That the minutes from the February 7, 2024 Regular Meeting be approved as presented.
2. That the following Board Policies be approved for second reading and adoption

\*Policy 5350 STUDENT WELFARE

Moved by Craig Watson, supported by Tim Lipka that the reading of the minutes be waived and the consent agenda items be approved as presented. Roll call: Hofert-aye; LaBar-aye; Lipka-aye; McKenna-aye; Novak-aye; Putnam-aye and Watson-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Appointment of Legal Counsel**

Moved by Craig Watson, supported by April LaBar that Julie Nash of Nash-Flanders Law be appointed local legal counsel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Roll call: Hofert-aye; LaBar-aye; Lipka-aye; McKenna-aye; Novak-aye; Putnam-aye and Watson-aye. Motion carried 6-1.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Lisa Novak supported by Tim Lipka that the Board move to closed session to discuss and deliberate about the Superintendent Evaluation and Contract. Roll call: Hofert-aye; LaBar-aye; Lipka-aye; McKenna-aye; Novak-aye; Putnam-aye and Watson-aye. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting recessed from open session at 8:00 PM. Meeting reconvened in open session at 9:20 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jaime Hofert, April LaBar, Tim Lipka, Nicole McKenna, Lisa Novak, Summer Putnam and Craig Watson.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Wandrie and Kim Seifferly

The Board, Superintendent and others discussed the Superintendent Evaluation and Contract.

Meeting returned to open session at 9:20 PM.

### **Superintendent Evaluation**

Moved by Craig Watson, supported by Tim Lipka, that the Superintendent Evaluation be approved as presented. Roll call: Hofert-aye; LaBar-aye; Lipka-aye; McKenna-aye; Novak-aye; Putnam-aye and Watson-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Superintendent Contract**

Moved by Tim Lipka, supported by April LaBar, that the Superintendent Contract be approved as presented. Roll call: Hofert-aye; LaBar-aye; Lipka-aye; McKenna-aye; Novak-aye; Putnam-aye and Watson-aye. Motion carried 6-1.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

The Board thanked Turrill Principal, Kelly Vangel and her staff for their presentation and expressed how impressed they are with their passion for teaching and how they are building great readers and writers!

April LaBar was pleased to be able to go to Band Festivals with the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students who received all "1's" across the Board, which is the best rating you can receive.

The Board welcomed Matthew Mackinder, the District's new Coordinator of Communications & District Services.

### **SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Wandrie thanked Turrill for their presentation and is pleased with the team learning approach taking place there.

He also thanked Julia Peruski from Barton Malow for her presentation on the bond update.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Lisa Novak, supported by Tim Lipka that the meeting be adjourned Roll call: Hofert-aye; LaBar-aye; Lipka-aye; McKenna-aye; Novak-aye; Putnam-aye and Watson-aye. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

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Lisa Novak, Board of Education Secretary