



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, November 2, 2017

Murphy students Brody and Jamison LaBar led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Murphy Elementary Principal, Katie Jordan, presented information on how they are working to reach District Goal #2: Benchmark 2.1.B. "100% of K-12 teachers will effectively be facilitators of student centered learning as evidenced by walk through documentation and lesson plans aligned to Danielson Domains 1 and 3". She explained that teachers at Murphy are embracing the concept of student centered learning and gave the following examples:

- The new Literacy Center has open student seating, has many more book choices including leveled books, and traditional library books;
- The Learning Lounge is a room with open student seating, 14 desktop computers, magnetic letters and small group areas for students to work together; and
- Murphy Garden Leaders is comprised of a group of students that had to go through an application process last fall. Students planted pumpkins in the spring and were responsible for watering and weeding the plants throughout the summer. This fall they harvested 120 pumpkins to sell. Their pumpkins earned over \$500 and the students are going to help choose what technology will be purchased for the school with the money.

Rose Dodson, teacher of a 1st/2nd grade split at Murphy, shared how she is using the "Morning Meeting Book" as a resource for her classroom. Using the information she learned from the book is allowing her to promote a climate of trust, academic growth, and positive behavior in her classroom by launching each school day with a whole class gathering. Her classroom is becoming student-driven and she is happy with the results she is seeing in her students.

Mrs. Bush reported on the Finance and Operation Committee Meeting that was held on October 25 when the committee reviewed snow plow bid renewal and heard a report from the District's Auditors.

Mrs. Peabody reported on the TLT Committee Meeting that was held on October 30 when attendance guidelines and Illuminate were discussed.

Mr. Nolan reported on the Personnel Committee Meeting that was held on October 31 when employee information and negotiations were discussed.

Eric Formberg and Brianne Huber from the District's independent auditor Plante & Moran, PLLC, presented the 2016-2017 audit results to the Board. The District received an "unmodified opinion" which is the highest opinion possible issued by the audit firm.

Matt Wandrie reviewed the new strategic plan process. This process will help determine the direction the district will be going in the future. Mr. Wandrie reviewed the Strategic Plan from 2012-2013 and showed how many of the items implemented from that plan have been successful.

The Central Office Leadership Team has meetings scheduled over the next two weeks with staff from every school in the district and will be looking for thoughts and opinions regarding the direction of the district.

The schedule is to engage the staff and community in 2017-2018 and collect survey data, identify priorities, and develop a timeline. Town hall forums, focus panels, and presentations regarding the findings will take place in 2018-2019 and implementation of the new Strategic Plan would begin in 2019-2020.

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the October 5, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- Minutes from the October 19, 2017 Work Session.
- The following policies for second reading and adoption.
 - Policy 3430.01 PROFESSIONAL STAFF Family Medical Leave Act Leaves of Absence FMLA
 - Policy 4430.01 SUPPORT STAFF Family Medical Leave Act Leaves of Absence FMLA
 - Policy 7540.05 PROPERTY Web Accessibility
- Policy 2461 PROGRAM Suspension /Expulsion of Disabled Students for first reading for removal of duplicate policy.
- March 15, 2018 Board of Education Meeting to be moved to March 22, 2018.

Board members thanked Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Dodson for their presentation. They are happy to see the positive direction in which Murphy is headed.

Board members also thanked Mark Rajter, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, and his staff for another clean audit. Their hard work is very much appreciated.

The Board moved to closed session to discuss confidential attorney/client correspondence and negotiations.