



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, February 4, 2016

The Board recognized Officer Brian Wenzel for 11 years of service as the liaison officer for Lapeer Community Schools and wished him continued success in his future endeavors.

Matt Olson, Director of Innovation, reviewed the programs that were put in place last year at the Center for Innovation. He shared information on programs that are new this year and explained that next year they are planning on introducing Lapeer Early College, and expanding the Biomedical Science and the Pathway to Engineering programs.

Troy Norman, Director of the Ombudsman Program at CFI, reviewed how the Ombudsman program allows students that are deficient in credits, or are having difficulty fitting into the traditional high school program, receive their high school diploma. By working with the high school they put a process in place to help identify students who are deficient in credits prior to their senior year and helping them to graduate on schedule, with their classmates.

Michelle Pheiffer reviewed her role in the District helping students in the virtual program. Changes were made to the program this year in order to help students be successful. They are using Lapeer Teachers as the mentors this year, which allows students to receive help and feel a connection to LCS. They have also put attendance requirements in place in which all virtual students are required to meet with her at least one time each week. These changes, along with accountability reports, improved the online completion during the first semester this year.

Mr. Olson reviewed the college on campus program with Baker College and the CNC Manufacturing program. This program provides a huge opportunity for our students and they are hoping to expand it to allow more students to participate in the future.

Erin Lane, teacher of the Biomedical Science program, explained how she is teaching biology concepts to her class through the life and death of a fictional character.

Teacher Lani Ward reviewed how the Senior Capstone program has evolved over the last year. This is a college and career readiness program that engages students in hands on learning in a relevant and challenging way. One of the ways the program is helping students is by bringing in a professional resume writer and having local businesses conduct job interviews so they can provide feedback to the students.

Board members thanked Mr. Olson and his staff for their presentation and are pleased they have developed rigorous programs and are preparing Lapeer students for college and the working world.

The Board approved the following items:

- Overnight/Out of State trips: Key Club to Traverse City on March 11-13, 2016; the Robotics Team to Iowa on March 16-20, 2016; and the Business Professionals of America Club to Grand Rapids on March 17-20, 2016.
- Phase II Copier Resolution.
- A Resolution Regarding Obtaining a Judgement Levy Against School Districts Facing Bankruptcy (see detail below).

Board members thanked Mr. Nolan for his part in the “Pink Out” basketball game on January 26 for breast cancer awareness.

Superintendent Wandrie thanked Mr. Olson and his staff for their presentation.

Mr. Wandrie thanked the Board for supporting the “Resolution Regarding Obtaining a Judgement Levy Against School Districts Facing Bankruptcy”. This resolution urges the State to not use the school aid fund to help failing Districts and urges the State to find solutions to the fundamental flaws in how Michigan’s schools and ISD’s are funded. Lapeer is the first to approve this type of resolution and Mr. Wandrie is actively encouraging other Districts to do the same.

Mr. Wandrie was pleased to let the Board know that all 10th grade students went through an early college seminar during iconnect time at the high school. The high school counselors sponsored “Junior Jump” last week for juniors as a way to give them exposure to what life will be like after high school including presentations from job providers, college representatives, and military branches.