



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2016

The following members of the Zemmer Archery Club led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance: Amina Dada, Tyler Holman, Keegan White, Amaylia Gasperich, and Rikkie Schleben.

Mr. Aaron Shinn, Principal and Dr. Mike Hobolth, Associate Principal, updated the Board on the growth taking place at the Zemmer Campus. This is the second year that it has housed 8th and 9th graders and they are working to create a culture of positivity and excellence for their students.

Archery Club Sponsors Mike Wiltse and Amy Conger reviewed how this popular, relatively new club, is building relationships among the students, staff, parents and community. A tournament was recently held where the students competed against each other and it was a huge success. Mr. Wiltse and Ms. Conger thanked the Zemmer administration, COLT and the Board of Education for their support and helping make the Archery Club possible.

Mr. Shinn and Dr. Hobolth are working with the Zemmer teachers to build a culture of shared leadership. Teachers are leading collaborative meetings, sharing work on curriculum design, and leading curriculum work to align to standards. This collaboration extends to working with the 6th and 7th grade teachers at Rolland-Warner and 10th – 12th grade teachers at the high school.

Zemmer Learning Coaches Carlene LaGrasso and Beth Rupprecht explained they have been meeting with teachers individually and in small groups with a focus on improving instruction. Becky Gibbons, a first year English Teacher, shared how Carlene has helped her with her instruction this year by watching her teach and then debriefing.

The Coaches are happy with the relationships they have built with the teachers this year and are pleased with how they are becoming more self-directive and reflective when it comes to their instruction.

Mr. Haggadone reported on the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Committee Meeting that was held on April 11 when the Middle School Math Pilot Recommendation was discussed.

Mrs. Bush reported on the Finance and Operation Committee Meeting that was held on April 11 when the 2015-2016 Budget Amendment and 2007 Bond Refinance Proposal were discussed.

Michelle Bradford presented information on a new Middle School Math Curriculum that the Board will be asked to approve. She is recommending the CMP3 program (Connected Mathematics) by Pearson be adopted by the Board to be implemented in the fall of 2016. The CMP3 resources and text will be on display in the Board Room until the Board takes action in May. Denise Johnson, one of the math teachers who piloted the programs, was present to answer questions.

The Board approved the following items:

- Board Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements was approved for first reading.
- A Special Board Meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2016 at 6:45 PM in the Boardroom.
- Bradly Haggadone was appointed to represent the Board at the ISD Annual Meeting on May 4, 2016, and Mike Keller was appointed as the alternate.
- Amendments to the 2015-2016 General Fund and Food Service Fund were approved.
- A Resolution Authorizing 2016 Refunding Bonds was approved.

Board members thanked Mr. Shinn, his staff, and the students for their presentation. Board members also thanked the middle school math teachers and other staff for their work and research that ended with the Middle School Math Curriculum recommendation that was presented at tonight's meeting.

Board members congratulated Mrs. Kim Seifferly, Executive Director for Human Resources on receiving one of the Outstanding Contributor Awards that were announced this week.

Mr. Haggadone attend the Archery Club Tournament at Zemmer and was pleased with the number of families that attended. A parent told him they are not a family of athletes so he was thrilled his daughter was able to participate in the Archery Club.

President Keller was pleased to announce that he was able to participate when Brian Whiston, State Superintendent of Schools, was here to tour some of our buildings and see all the innovative things that are happening in Lapeer Community Schools.

Superintendent Wandrie thanked Mr. Shinn, his staff, and students for their presentation. He is very pleased with the work taking place at Zemmer in the last 2 years and happy with the culture they are creating in the building. He was pleased to be able to see a presentation by an AP Capstone student that was incredible. He thanked Dr. Hobolth for the recommendation to bring that program to Lapeer.

Mr. Wandrie is continuing work on security for our buildings and will have more information available for the Board soon.

The 2016 Employee Recognition award winners were named this week (see below). Mr. Wandrie congratulated the winners and reminded the Board that the annual awards dinner will be held on May 11.

Distinguished Educator – Lora Richardson

Distinguished Service Award – RaeAnne Fielder and Ann Vierk

Outstanding Contributor Award – Jeannine Ridenour, Kim Seifferly, and Cynthia Tuzinsky

The Board moved to closed session to review Mr. Wandrie's annual evaluation and to discuss the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent contracts.