



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, May 5, 2016

Mrs. Jennifer Taylor, Principal, and Joe Shoopman, Associate Principal, updated the Board on how Rolland-Warner staff are working to meet the District Goals. Teachers Becky Johnson and Barb Bennett, along with Learning Coach Andrea Brunett, shared information on teacher leadership and professional learning. Information was also shared regarding new behavioral and academic research based strategies that are being used by the teachers and how these strategies are improving instruction.

Darlene Gannon, Math and Service Learning Teacher, provided a video from her Service Learning students about the program.

Mr. Shoopman reviewed all the innovative choices Rolland-Warner provides for students including Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Springboard and advanced Math courses. He also reviewed the many extra-curricular opportunities that are available for students both before and after school.

Teacher Patrick Lothrop, introduced 7th grade PLTW students Ava Tackabury and Sam Howard, who shared their thoughts on the 2 years they have participated in this program. They were both very enthusiastic about the program and stated they have learned strategies that will stay with them for a lifetime.

Lapeer High School Lightning Student Ambassadors - Cheryl Price, LHS Counselor, explained that the Student Ambassador program was put together last fall with the purpose of helping new students transition into the building. She calls upon a student ambassador every time a new student is enrolled to show them around the building and share information on the opportunities available to them through sports and clubs. The entire 9th grade class will be coming to LHS soon and each ambassador will take a group on a building tour.

Student Ambassadors Jacob Schlaud, Mackenzie Hirth, Alexanderia LaSalle, and Brendan Dunavant spoke on their experience as an ambassador.

Mr. Oyster reported on the Finance and Operation Committee Meeting that was held on April 29 when the following items were discussed: Lawn Maintenance Bids, Property Swap Update, Lapeer County Bank and Trust (Investment Strategies), and ISD General Fund Budget.

The Board approved the following items:

- Zemmer Band Students to travel to Cedar Point on June 6, 2016.
- Move the June 16, 2016 Meeting to June 23, 2016.
- Board Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements was approved for second reading and adoption.
- The following lawn maintenance bids be approved: B&B Lawn and Landscape for "Package A" which includes Schickler, Turrill/Bus Garage, Lapeer High School, CFI/West, Rolland Warner, Zemmer, and E.T. White for a total not to exceed \$1,220 per mow and to DW Lawncare for "Package B" which includes the A&SC, Lynch, Maple Grove, Mayfield, Murphy, and Cramton for an amount not to exceed \$580 per mow.
- The first day of instruction for year round school was set for August 1, 2016 and the first day of instruction for traditional school was set for September 6, 2016. If the waiver submitted to the State of Michigan is approved, the first day of instruction for traditional school will be August 29, 2016.
- The ISD Proposed General Fund Operation Budget Resolution was approved as presented.
- A student was approved for readmission to Lapeer Community Schools with conditions.
- The 2016-2017 contract for Assistant Superintendent Mark Rajter was approved.
- The 2016-2017 contract for Superintendent Matt Wandrie was approved.

The following statement was read by Mr. Nolan, Personnel Committee Chairperson:

The Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education has concluded and reviewed its annual evaluation of Superintendent Matt Wandrie. The Board evaluated Mr. Wandrie's job performance in 11 individual categories including community relations, educational leadership and student growth and achievement.

We are proud to announce that Superintendent Wandrie received highly effective overall ratings from all seven board members.

As a result of Mr. Wandrie's strong leadership, we have continued to build upon the many successes of the recent past. In the last year, we have moved forward with a renewed focus on teaching and learning. In spite of the significant hardships facing public school districts across the state, we have maintained and, in many areas, expanded opportunities for students at every level. As an example, this fall our high school students will have the opportunity to enroll in Lapeer Early College. Through this partnership with Baker College and Mott Community College, students commit to three years in the program, starting in their junior year, and progress toward an associate degree by the end of their 5th year.

Also starting this fall, Lynch Elementary will become a K-5 STEM focus school utilizing the nation's leading STEM curriculum. The future will bring even more focus concepts to our youngest students.

We have found our rhythm as an organization, even as we continue to find new and inventive ways to leverage resources to equip our students with the skills they need to be successful.

We were honored to be able to host State Superintendent Brian Whiston and a contingent of educational leaders from across the country last month. His desire to visit Lapeer, to see all the new and exciting things happening here, is a testament to our growth as a district.

We are excited about the future, as the innovative thinking that brought so much to our community in recent years becomes the new normal. There is much more work to be done, but we are confident in Mr. Wandrie's vision for the future and our role in it.

In partnership with Mr. Wandrie and his administrative team, and all of our dedicated staff, we are certain the best is yet to come.

Mr. Nolan added that it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Wandrie and watch him lead this District into the place we are today.

Board members thanked Mrs. Taylor, her staff, and the students for their presentation.

Mr. Haggadone attended the Honors Program held at Lapeer County Education Technical Center and was pleased with the number of Lapeer High Schools students that received recognition. A list of the students will be emailed to the Board.

Board members voiced appreciation for the Student Ambassador program. They thanked Mrs. Price and the students for taking this on and for their work to create a positive culture in the high school.

Mr. Oyster stated that he attended the dedication ceremony for the new baseball/softball complex held earlier in the day. He thanked the LeaderFund for making the completion of the athletic complex possible.

Mr. Keller expressed appreciation for the move the teachers are making toward student-centered/inquiry-based learning. The presentation and comments by the students show that it is making a difference.

Superintendent Wandrie thanked Mrs. Taylor, her staff, and students for their presentation.

Mr. Wandrie appreciated the parents that were present at the meeting, and thanked those that spoke during public comment for being respectful of each other. He is hopeful that as discussion regarding

security in the buildings moves forward, it will continue to take on the same tone as shown in tonight's meeting.

He thanked the Board for the renewal and extension of his contract. He thanked his administrative team for all their work and noted that everything accomplished in the District has been a team effort. All employees play a part in teaching the students.