

Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, February 7, 2013

Members of the Lapeer West Choir performed the National Anthem.

The Board viewed a video of Mayfield Elementary students explaining what they like about their school.

Mr. Tim Zeeman, principal of Lapeer West High School, introduced the following students who recently received recognition in several areas: Adrianna Allen and Mary Proulx for receiving a Scholastic Gold Key Art award; Shaylee Hanson for receiving the Lapeer Chamber of Commerce Youth Citizen of Year award; Cullen Turczyn who broke the 1000 point barrier in basketball; Morgan Beckley for receiving a 30 on the ACT and will be studying in Thailand next year through the Rotary Exchange; and Renee Russell for winning a place in the Bands of America and marching in the Rose Bowl Parade.

Mr. Zeeman explained that Lapeer West teachers are increasing rigor in the classrooms and are presenting clear and concise learning targets. They have developed interventions to assist lower achieving students and have implemented peer mentoring in the classrooms.

Lapeer West teachers Susan Sharp and Kathy Hayes explained how they are using what they learned at a school improvement learning conference in their classrooms through formative assessments and explicit instruction.

Denise Becker reported on the SAC Committee meeting that was held February 4 when the following items were discussed: Impact Testing; CAP Training, and East/West Students to Cedar Point on May 17, 2013.

Kevin Rose provided an update of the 2012-2013 budget and reviewed initial projections for the 2013-2014 budget. He explained that the District is working to find ways to increase revenue through innovation and marketing the ideas to the community.

The Board approved a trip request for East & West students to travel to Cedar Point on May 17 and for Key Club members to travel to Kalamazoo for the District Conference on March 8-10. The Board also approved a State Best Practice Resolution.

The Board discussed creating a new ad hoc Legislative Committee to review bills introduced at the State level that would affect our district and students. The committee would monitor bills and report to the full Board with recommended action. The Board can determine whether to make this a regular committee at the Organization meeting in July.

The Board discussed joining the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). The MASB keeps up with new legislation and would be able assist the committee in not only the bills being presented, but how best to educate parents and the community about the legislation. It was requested that a cost benefit analysis be conducted prior to committing to membership. If the District joins MASB now, the cost would be prorated for the remainder of the 2012-2013 year.

Board members thanked Tim Zeeman, Susan Sharp and Kathy Hayes for their presentations and thanked the Choir and other students for attending the meeting. Board members thanked their partner schools for recognition they received for Board Member Appreciation Month.

Wendy Byard shared that the Healthy Choices Task Force is working on a recommendation to the Board that will help create a new culture in our schools where students feel they belong in order to help combat drinking and drug abuse. This Committee will be reporting to the Board at the March 7 meeting.

Board members thanked the boosters and volunteers in our district. Without them many of our programs would not be as successful as they are.

President Mike Keller thanked the Board for their commitment to Lapeer Community Schools.