



**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education  
held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at  
the Administration and Services Center**

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Mike Keller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Becker, Peggy Bush, Wendy Byard, Mike Keller, Mike Nolan, Jonathan Nugent, Gary Oyster

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Bush led the Board and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. Doug Lindsay, co-principal of Lapeer High School, reviewed information showing how Lapeer High School is meeting district goals. Staff at Lapeer High School have evaluated the common summative assessments to determine the expectations for student outcomes, inventoried research based strategies, and are making sure that they are developing a cohesive staff through team building activities.

Mr. Tim Zeeman, co-principal, reviewed how LHS is continuing to ensure the successful consolidation of Lapeer East and Lapeer West into one Lapeer High School.

Seniors, Anneliese Petersmarck and Anthony Herbert, shared their experiences with the transition. Both stated they didn't encounter any problems with students siding with a former school and that it had been an amazing year.

Teachers Kathy Hayes and Patrick Sims, who taught at Lapeer East and Lapeer West last year, reviewed the tremendous changes that took place in order to merge the high schools. They each encountered a few difficulties in the beginning but were thankful for the wonderful staff and administrators that worked together to overcome them.

Parent Kristie Kigar stated that the staff and students were amazing this year. Working through and overcoming the challenges they faced made the students and staff stronger and better. She was pleased with how the staff worked together to blend the cultures from both schools.

Associate Principal Shad Spilski reviewed the successes the high school had in athletics this year. He was pleased to share that Lapeer High School had 6 league titles, 2 district titles, a regional title, and 2 individual State championships this year. They also have 17 athletes who are scheduled to play at the college level next year.

The Board took a 5 minute break beginning at 7:45 PM.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Superintendent Wandrie introduced Jan Watz, ISD Trustee, to the Board table. Jan reviewed the ISD's purpose and how they get their funding. The ISD oversees the Educational Technical Center and continues to look for ways to improve the educational opportunities for all students who attend from within the County. The ISD also oversees a center based special education program for the students in the County.

She said they are looking for ways to improve and enhance communication between the ISD and the local Boards of Education.

Discussion took place regarding consolidating services within the County to help with tight budgets. A suggestion was made by a Board member that the ISD could help by covering costs for an independent study to evaluate the county's education position moving forward. This company would be able to make a recommendation regarding each Districts' strengths and how best to begin to combine and consolidate services.

## **FUTURE AGENDA TOPIC**

Reduction of Staff: Notification of Layoff Resolution will be on the June 4 agenda. Due to ongoing budget issues and declining enrollment it will be necessary to layoff staff again this year. The reductions, along with recall procedures, will be reviewed with the Personnel Committee prior to the June 4 meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mr. Oyster, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

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Peggy Bush, Board of Education Secretary