



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education
held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at
the Administration and Services Center**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Becker (arrived at 7:04), Wendy Byard, Peggy Bush, Mike Keller, Mike Nolan, Jonathan Nugent, Gary Oyster

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following Lynch Students from Mrs. Callans' class led the Board of Education and audience in the pledge of allegiance: Alida Wing; Alanna Rundell; Abby Allen; Kaylynn Collins; and Keenan Johnston.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Nolan nominated Mr. Keller to serve as Board President, supported by Mrs. Bush. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Keller, as Board President for 2015, continued chairing the meeting.

Mr. Oyster nominated Mrs. Bush to serve as Board Secretary. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0. Mrs. Bush was elected to serve as Board Secretary for 2015.

Mrs. Bush nominated Mr. Oyster to serve as Board Vice President. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Oyster was elected to serve as Board Vice President for 2014.

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mr. Nugent, that Mark Rajter, the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Finance, and Operations be appointed as Treasurer. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Mr. Nolan, supported by Mrs. Bush, that Karen Rowden, Administrative Assistant for the Board of Education and Superintendent, be appointed to serve as Recording Secretary for Board of Education meetings. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Committees

Moved by Mr. Oyster, supported by Mr. Nolan, that the Board President be authorized to appoint Board committee members and chairpersons to the following committees for 2015: Finance and Operation; Student Advocacy and Communication; Teaching, Learning, and Technology, and Personnel. The Board President will also be authorized to appoint members and chairpersons to the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

PRESENTATION

Ryan West, Lynch Elementary Principal, presented a video that showed a "snapshot" of what is happening at Lynch Elementary this year.

Cori Lomerson, first grade teacher and certified PLTW (Project Lead the Way) launch leader, reviewed how PLTW is being used at Lynch Elementary and how classrooms are becoming student centered learning environments. PTLW challenges students to be thinkers and problem solvers and provides innovative opportunities for all students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Items

1. That the minutes from the December 4, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.
2. That the minutes from the December 18, 2014 Work Session be approved as presented.
3. That Policy 9800 High School Diplomas to World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Era Veterans be approved for second reading and adoption.

Moved by Mrs. Byard, supported by Mr. Oyster, that the reading of the policy and minutes be waived and the consent agenda items be approved as presented. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS/TOPICS

Board members thanked the Lynch Students for leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and thanked Mr. West and Mrs. Lomerson for their informative presentation.

Skinner Lake is having a "Winter Hike Day" on Saturday, January 31, from 11 AM – 3 PM. Board members thanked Beth Rupperecht for planning this event for the community.

Flu season is here and is hitting hard. Everyone is reminded to wash their hands often and parents are encouraged to keep their students home if they are ill and have a fever.

Former teacher Linda Priestap wrote a letter to the editor of the County Press stating that again this year, the students and staff of Lapeer Community Schools cooperatively collected countless non-perishable items for Goodfellows. She thanked our students and staff for their kind hearts, giving spirits, and hard work to help those in need.

Board members thanked Fiat-Chrysler for partnering with Schickler Elementary and providing 10 families with Christmas gifts. One person from Chrysler even donated a brand new washer and dryer to the building. Their generosity was truly appreciated.

Board members voiced their condolences to the families of the two Lakeville students that were killed in a traffic accident earlier today. It was suggested that high school staff provide students with some safe winter driving tips. Mr. Wandrie will contact the high school co-principals with this suggestion.

Congratulations to the Zemmer and Rolland-Warner robotics teams who will participate in the State Championship Saturday morning.

Board members thanked Superintendent Matt Wandrie for his leadership. They are pleased with the direction in which he is leading the District.

Frustration was voiced regarding the recent announcement from the State of Michigan that the SAT will be used as the state-administered college assessment exam beginning in 2016. This announcement from the State was a surprise and will have a major effect on Districts across the State of Michigan. Board members feel it is critical that school districts work to educate our legislators with what is happening in our schools.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Wandrie agreed that the change to the SAT was a surprise to school officials. The administration will begin working on figuring out exactly what impact this will have on the District .

January is Board Member Appreciation Month in the State of Michigan. Mr. Wandrie thanked Board members for their dedication to the District and for their love of education. The hours that they put in each month for the sake of our staff and students is appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Peggy Bush, supported by Mr. Nolan, 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 8:15 PM.

Peggy Bush, Board of Education Secretary