Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2014

With the change of School Board elections from May to November, by law election of Board officers and appointment of school staff must now be done in January. Therefore, the following Board Officers were elected for 2014: Mike Keller was elected to serve as Board President; Gary Oyster was elected to serve as Board Vice President, and Peggy Bush was elected to serve as Board Secretary. Kevin Rose was appointed as treasurer and Karen Rowden was appointed as recording secretary.

The Board President was given authorization to appoint members and chairpersons to the following committees for 2014: Finance and Operation; Policy and Strategic Plan; Teaching, Learning, and Technology, and Personnel.

Lapeer East High School Principal Doug Lindsay reviewed how East is focusing on student growth and achievement which is part of the District’s School Improvement Plan. He shared all the leadership opportunities that are available for staff and students at East. Mr. Lindsay thanked the Board for their support and for everything that is taking place at East in preparation for the merging of the high schools in the Fall of 2014.

Rejean Wolski, East English Department Chairperson, reviewed the Springboard Instruction that is taking place at East for 8-10th graders. Teachers are excited with the program and very pleased with how well the students are doing.

Mary Boomer, East Math Department Chairperson, reviewed how teachers are using the Attack the Gap strategies in the math classrooms.

Susan Wheatley, East Special Education Chairperson, reviewed the “Inside Algebra” program and how it is helping the special education students.

Bill Spruytte, East teacher, explained the plans for implementation of the advanced placement program “AP Capstone” that will begin in the fall of 2014.

Choir Director Cheryl Burnside and the East Honors Choir performed for Board members and guests.

Board members thanked the East staff and choir students for their presentations.

The following items were approved by the Board:

- Policies 6107 Electronic Signatures, 6110 Grant Funds, and 6470 Payment of Claims were approved for second reading and adoption.
- Policies 2431.02 Managing Heat and Humidity in Interscholastic Programs, 5340.01 Concussions and Athletic Activities, 6520 Payroll Deductions; and 8800 Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances were approved for first reading.
- Rolland-Warner students will be allowed to travel to Leelanau Outdoor Center on April 29-May 2, 2014;
- Effective July 1, 2014 the name of Rolland-Warner Middle School be changed to Rolland-Warner Campus 6/7 Building; and
- Effective July 1, 2014 the name of Zemmer Middle School be changed to Zemmer Campus 8/9 Building;

Board members thanked Mr. Wandrie for allowing the utility workers from out of State to use the parking lots at East in order to repair power lines after the recent ice storm. Mr. Wandrie thanked Mark Misener, along with our custodians and groundsman, for help to prevent massive damage to our buildings by working many hours over the Christmas holiday.

Mrs. Byard suggested that next year the high school put a student congress in place in order to help develop a culture in the high school that would address drugs, drinking and bullying. It would also assist students in developing leadership skills.

Mr. Oyster thanked the schools for once again working with Goodfellows to provide canned goods to the needy families in our area.

Mr. Keller thanked the Board members for their dedication to the students and staff in our District.
Mr. Wandrie reminded Board members that a Workshop is scheduled for January 16 at 6 PM. MASB will facilitate the Workshop titled "Board Self-Evaluation for Continuous Improvement".