Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Lapeer Community Schools Board of Education  
held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at  
the Administration and Services Center

Mike Keller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Oyster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Peggy Bush reported on the Personnel Committee Meeting that was held on March 13 when the Superintendent Evaluation was discussed.

Teaching, Learning, and Technology Committee – Jon Nugent reported on the TLT Meeting that was held on March 16 when the following items were discussed: Midyear District Data Presentation, M-STEP Update, and Grant Budget Changes for 2015-2016.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget – Mark Rajter updated the Board on the 2015-2016 budget. He explained that school finance is changing daily which is making it difficult for school districts to plan next year’s budget. In the past the January Revenue Conference was the “kick off” for the budget process and districts would receive estimates regarding the per student foundation allowance. This year has been different. The Governor signed a bill last week that took money from the school aid fund in order to balance the general fund. Mark explained that there has been no word yet from the Senate or the House of Representatives regarding their budget which is very unusual. The thought is that the legislators are waiting to see if there is voter support for the May 5 ballot initiative to raise sales tax by 1% to boost road and school funding. If this ballot initiative doesn’t pass it is likely it will have a severe impact on school finances.

Contracts with all the bargaining units are up on June 30, 2015. If information isn’t received from Lansing soon administration will need to make assumptions and choose a model in order to begin bargaining.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Nolan, supported by Mr. Nugent, that the Board move to Closed Session to hear a discipline appeal and to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting recessed from open session at 7:47 PM. Meeting convened in closed session at 7:55 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Becker, Peggy Bush, Wendy Byard, Michael Keller, Michael Nolan, Jonathan Nugent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Oyster

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OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Wandrie
The following were present for the discipline appeal only: Karen Rowden, Jennifer Tindall, Angela Sanders, Preston Morey.

Meeting returned to open session at 10:06 PM.

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mr. Nolan, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.

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       Peggy Bush, Board of Education Secretary