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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following Murphy Elementary students led the Board and audience in the pledge of allegiance: Timothy Johns, Alexandria Walker, Beau Bradford, and Maverick Taylor.

Board Member Resignation, Acceptance, and Appointment

President Michael Keller made the following statement: In order to comply with the resolution adopted on December 1, 2011 changing the regular election for the office of member of the Board of Education from May each year to November of even years, it is necessary to make an adjustment to one of the terms of the Board members elected in November 2012. Therefore, Jonathan Nugent has volunteered to reduce his current 6 year term to a 4 year term. In order for this to happen Jonathan will resign and then the Board will immediately appoint him to fill the remainder of a 4 year term.

Jonathan Nugent made the following statement: I am submitting my resignation for my current 6 year term which expires December 31, 2018.

Moved by Mrs. Bush, supported by Mr. Oyster, that Jonathan Nugent’s resignation be accepted and that he be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education for a term ending December 31, 2016. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

PRESENTATION

Murphy Elementary principal, Jeff Stanton reviewed how Murphy is working to meet the District Goals. Mr. Stanton showed a video produced by students showing what it means to be a BOLT (Be: Organized, Leaders, Trustworthy, and Successful). Amy Duncan, Murphy Learning Coach, reviewed the learning objectives: reading/writing workshop, reading recovery, response to intervention, focused mini-lessons and posted objectives.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS/ TOPICS

Board members thanked Murphy Staff and students for the presentation. Board members congratulated the Varsity Football Team and all the fall sports teams for their successful seasons. Everyone is pleased with the success being shown in the District in both academics and in athletics.

Several Board members visited the Senior Capstone Program at the Center for Innovation. They commented on how much they enjoyed the visit and were pleased with the presentations by the students.

Mr. Oyster congratulated Mike Keller, Peggy Bush, Denise Becker and Mike Nolan for winning their reelection bid to the Board of Education on November 4.

Mr. Keller attended the Delegate Assembly at the MASB Conference on November 6. Out of all the Districts in attendance throughout Michigan, Lapeer was the only District to put forward new resolutions. The
resolutions were for the State of Michigan to align their budget so Districts don’t need to borrow operating money and to adjust student funding so all Districts receive the same amount per student.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Matt Wandrie announced that the Central Office Leadership Team has completed their annual building visits to share updated enrollment numbers and the connection it has with employee contracts.

Superintendent Wandrie thanked Dr. Robert Sprague, President of the Michigan Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and his team for taking part in a dedication ceremony for a new portrait of George Washington at Lapeer High School. The portrait is located in the main hallway at Lapeer High school and will serve as a daily reminder to our students of how important it is to know our history.

Superintendent Wandrie explained that he met with District staff to review our cancellation procedures. Due to the extended transportation that was put in place this year, the District will need to make decisions regarding cancellation of school earlier in the morning than in the past. That means there may be times when the decision will be on our own, not in conjunction with other Districts in the area.

Superintendent Wandrie recently met with a group of CEO’s from manufacturing companies in the Lapeer area. The District is working with these companies to develop programs for students interested in hands-on work in labor and manufacturing to fill a need in for a skilled work force in this area. More information on this topic will be shared with the Board in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

Student Advocacy and Communication Committee – Denise Becker, Chairperson, reported on the SAC Committee Meeting held on October 27 when Student Count was discussed.

Finance and Operation Committee – Peggy Bush, Chairperson, reported on the F&O Meeting held on October 30 when Student Count was discussed.

Teaching, Learning, and Technology Committee – Wendy Byard, Chairperson, reported on the TLT Meeting held on November 3 when Student Count and an Overnight/Out of State Trip request was discussed.

Student Enrollment Update – Kim Seifferly and Mark Rajter updated the Board on the salary/wage component that is in place in all employee contracts for 2014-2015. The language in the letter of agreement in the contracts states that the current salaries are in place through the end of October. The complex salary/wage component that includes student count, revenue, teacher retirement/resignations, and the MPSERS rate, will be ready for employees in early December.

Even though the District is down in total student enrollment from last year, we are approximately 80 students better than what was projected during last year’s budget and staffing process.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Items
1. That the minutes from the October 2, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.
2. That the minutes from the October 16, 2014 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented.
3. That the minutes from the October 16, 2014 Work Session be approved as presented.
4. That the overnight/out of state trip request for the 8th graders to tracer to Washington D.C. in November 2015, 2016, and 2017 be approved.

November 13, 2014 Board Minutes
Moved by Mr. Oyster, supported by Mr. Nolan, that the reading of the 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Byard, supported by Mr. Nolan, that the Board move to Closed Session to discuss negotiations. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting recessed from open session at 8:21 PM. Meeting convened in closed session at 8:24 PM.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Wandrie, Kim Seifferly, Mark Rajter, Michelle Bradford, Jennifer Tindall

Meeting returned to open session at 8:30 PM.

LESP 2014-2015 Master Agreement

Moved by Mr. Nolan, supported by Mrs. Becker, that the LESP 2014-2015 Master Agreement be approved as presented. Roll call: Becker-aye; Bush-aye; Byard-aye; Keller-aye; Nolan-aye; Nugent-aye; Oyster-aye. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Peggy 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 8:31 PM.

Peggy Bush, Board of Education Secretary