



# Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 7, 2010**  
**at Rolland-Warner Middle School**

- John Dunlop, Principal, welcomed the Board and guests to Rolland-Warner. Physical Education teachers Jon Nugent and Rich Brinker demonstrated equipment that was purchased using Innovative Technology Grant funds in the fall of 2007.
- In honor of National School Board Member Recognition Month, Debbie Thompson recognized Board of Education members for their commitment to the children and residents of Lapeer Community Schools. State Representative Kevin Daley presented Tributes of Recognition to Board Members for their service.
- President Bill Laidlaw made the following statement:

On Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we became aware of an incident at Lapeer East High School that occurred at the school on Thursday night, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We immediately began an internal investigation. The nature of the incident caused us to promptly request an investigation by the State Police and the police immediately responded and began their investigation. The State Police requested that the District not release any information pertaining to this incident so as to not hinder their investigation.

Now we can report that the students involved in the incident were immediately suspended from school pending the outcome of our internal investigation.

Lapeer Community Schools have strict policies regarding inappropriate student behavior. It was in response to these policies that the Lapeer East administration took immediate action to remove students involved in the incident from the school and called State Police. Students at Lapeer East not involved in the incident were never in danger. I can assure you that we are revisiting and redoubling our efforts to prevent all inappropriate behaviors in our schools.

No one, except those students directly involved, the school district and the state police investigators, knows what transpired at Lapeer East. It would be our hope that a community like Lapeer would know better than to act or respond to rumors, many of which are likely exaggerated or completely wrong, before all the facts are known.

Almost all of us here tonight on the board and in the audience are parents, and we hope and pray that our children do not have a lapse of judgment which results in a breach of conduct or even the law. But it would be a good and honest thing if we could take a collective breath and allow the legal system to work as it is supposed to without prejudice.

- Mike Keller, chairperson of the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Committee, reported on the December 21 meeting when the following items were discussed: High School New Course Proposal Follow-Up; Visual Performing Arts Credit; Middle School New Course Proposals; World Language; and Algebra II Gapping Data.

- The Board approved the following policies for first reading; 5630.01 Student Seclusion and Restraint; 7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring; 7540.03 Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety; 7540.04 Staff Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety; 7542 Network Access from Personally-Owned Computers and/or Other Web-Enabled Devices; 7543 Remote Access to the District's Network; 7545 Electronic Communications; and 8330 Student Records.
- The Board approved the new Elementary School Boundaries that will take effect the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Letters will be sent to all parents with boundary information next week.
- The Board approved a Service Consolidation Plan Resolution which requires the district to investigate the possibility of savings through cost sharing and consolidation of services.
- The Board authorized Superintendent Debbie Thompson to submit a Message of Intent to the Superintendent of the Lapeer County Intermediate School District indicating the district's intent to submit a Memorandum of Understanding for the Race to the Top Grant after they have had an opportunity to further review the grant application. A special meeting was set for 6 PM on Monday, January 11, 2010, to further discuss the Race to the Top Grant and the Memorandum of Understanding.
- The Board approved the 2007-2010 AFSCME Custodial Master Agreement be amended and extended through June 30, 2011.
- The Superintendent presented information regarding the remaining bond projects. Further discussion regarding the remaining bond projects will take place at the Work Session on January 21.
- Board members thanked Mr. Dunlop for hosting the meeting. Peggy Bush and John Nugent announced that they will both run for re-election in May.