



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Turrill Elementary School

Jennifer Torok, Principal, welcomed the Board and guests to Turrill Elementary School. Mrs. Torok introduced Liz Gorkowski and the following 3rd grade students who presented a Reader's Theatre production called "The Planet Parade": Jacob Budrow; Robert Heatley; Joshua Hundt; Zachary Jasper; Trinity Mersmann; Olivia Phillips; Katelyn Risdon; Bethany Saltzgaber; Sophia Schiepek; Austin Smith; and Sara Young.

Omni Council co-chairs, Grant Masters (East), Janelle VanWagoner (West), and Jessica Hodges (Community), presented a brief history of Omni Council and an update on projects they have been working on this year.

Kim Seifferly announced the following 2010 Innovative Instructional Program Grant winners: Lapeer West staff Ted Tomczyk, Andy Roberts, and Erica Niemi were awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,600 to purchase *TurningPoints* for Math, Speech, Science, ELA; and Lapeer East staff Susan Wilmers, Dennis Warner, Jeff Lorenz, Jan Ciaramella, Devin Palmer, and Susan Wheatley were awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,102.00 to implement *Project Success/State Superintendent Challenge for Drop Out Prevention*.

The following items were approved by the Board of Education:

- Overnight/Out-of-State field trips: Lapeer West Key Club to the District Conference in Gaylord on March 19-21; Lapeer East Robotics Team to Ann Arbor on March 11-13; Lapeer East Robotics Team to Ypsilanti, Michigan on April 1-3, 2010 (contingent upon qualification); Lapeer East Robotics Team to Atlanta, Georgia on April 14-18, 2010 (contingent upon qualification); Lapeer East Wrestling Team to Auburn Hills, Michigan on March 4-6, 2010; and Lapeer West Wrestling Team to Auburn Hills, Michigan on March 4-6, 2010;
- The location of the May 6 Regular Board meeting was changed from Maple Grove Elementary to the Administration and Services Center;
- The roof and rooftop unit replacement bid for Lynch Elementary School was awarded to Dickerson Mechanical for an amount not to exceed \$269,000;
- A student was released to attend Atherton School District for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year;
- A Letter of Agreement between the Board of Education and the LEA extending the Retirement Incentive Plan deadline to March 15 if ratified by the LEA on March 9.
- Changes to Article 6 and Article 7 of the LEA Master Agreement pertaining to the middle school; and
- A resolution considering non-renewal of administrator contracts.

The superintendent discussed the many educational benefits and potential cost savings of elementary schools starting at 8:07 AM and ending at 3:00 PM and middle schools at 9:02 AM and ending at 3:40 PM next school year. This will be placed on the agenda for the March 18 Work Session for further consideration.

Board members requested that the Superintendent work with the local news papers regarding the possibility of a monthly or bimonthly column to assist in educating the community regarding district issues.

Board members recently attended a County-Wide Board Meeting hosted by the Lapeer County Intermediate School District where they discussed consolidating services.

Board members commented on various activities that have taken place throughout the district including the Lapeer East Robotics team receiving funding through a corporate sponsor and Lapeer East and Lapeer West doing well at a recent band festival.

Superintendent Debbie Thompson School announced that Jim Smith, Communications Specialist, is representing the district on a local Census Committee. She reminded everyone that is important to our community and our schools that everyone be counted.