



# BOARD BRIEFS

William Laidlaw .....President  
Peggy Bush .....Vice President  
John Nugent ..... Secretary  
Denise Becker .....Trustee  
Michael Keller .....Trustee  
Michael Nolan .....Trustee  
Gary Oyster .....Trustee  
Debbie Thompson ..... Superintendent

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008  
MAPLE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Paul Dombrowski, Principal, welcomed the Board and guests to Maple Grove Elementary School. Several students from the 3rd grade presented their life lessons and some 6th graders presented the Maple Grove Daily News via video link.
- Peggy Bush, Finance and Operation Committee chairperson, reported on the committee meeting that took place on March 3 when the following items were discussed: Request for proposals for E.T. White; Name for ASC & Board Room; Fundraiser for old furniture; and replacement for Bill Patterson.
- Mike Nolan, Personnel Committee Chairperson, reported on the committee meeting that took place on March 5 when the Superintendent's evaluation and contract were discussed.
- Mike Nolan, member of the Bond Oversight Committee, reported on the meeting that took place prior to the Board meeting.
- The Board approved the following items:
  - The Minutes of the February 7, 2008 Regular Meeting; the February 21, 2008 Special Meeting; the February 21, 2008 Work Session; and the February 25, 2008 Special Meeting;
  - The release of Conner Bowman to attend Oxford Schools for the remainder of the school year;
  - Lapeer East Robotics team to travel to Cleveland, OH on March 20-22, 2008;
  - Lapeer West Robotics team to travel to Ypsilanti on March 27-29, 2008;
  - Lapeer East Cross Country Team to travel to Wilderness State Park on July 21-24, 2008;
  - Superintendent contract extension of Mrs. Thompson's employment through the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Thompson will receive an increase in basic compensation by the same 1.55% afforded other non-union employees within the district, though this will not be retroactive. This increase follows a span of more than two years with no increase.
- Board President, Bill Laidlaw, read a statement in regards to Mrs. Thompson's Superintendent evaluation. Mrs. Thompson received high performance scores from the Board in all of the following seven distinct areas: staff, community, and board relations, personal qualities, business and finance, educational leadership, and achievement of goals. In each of these categories, Mrs. Thompson's high standard of performance was rated even more highly than the previous year's high ratings.
- Board members commented on various activities taking place throughout the District.
- Superintendent Debbie Thompson commented on several recognition letters that she recently received in regards to staff achievement. She is proud to be working with such a good group of talented people and that positive things happen in our district every day.
- The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Lynch Elementary.