



# Lapeer Community Schools Board Action 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, April 2, 2009

Lynch Elementary School

Principal Bill Slater welcomed Board members, administrators, and guests to Lynch Elementary School. Mr. Slater introduced 6<sup>th</sup> grader Shelby Kurschat, who led the Board and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lynch 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Ensemble, directed by music instructor Mrs. Heather Hundt, demonstrated their skills for the Board and audience.

Mr. Laidlaw, Board President, announced that he had removed the elementary reorganization item regarding Hadley Elementary from the agenda. He stated the following: On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Board will be reviewing and discussing all budget cut possibilities. To make a decision on Hadley Elementary before looking at all options would be premature. A decision on elementary reorganization will be made at a later date.

Dianne Cole, Julie DeArmond, and Deb Ligeski, Lapeer East teachers who were awarded a \$12,000 Innovative Technology Grant in the fall of 2007, presented a demonstration on the Vernier LabQuest and Probes which were purchased with the grant money.

Dick Mayberry, Secondary District Technology Coach, and Michele Pfeifer, Elementary District Technology Coach, presented information on their program that is new to the district this year.

Mr. Laidlaw reported on the recent evaluation that was completed for the Superintendent and read the following statement:

“The LCS Board of Education has concluded and reviewed its annual evaluation process with the superintendent of schools, Mrs. Debbie Thompson. We are please to announce that she has once again received high performance scores from the Board of Education in the following areas: Educational Leadership, Staff Relations, Community Relations, Board Relations, Business and Finance, Personal Qualities and Goal Achievement.

The Board commends Debbie for providing strong and effective leadership within the organization during challenging economic times.

Upon lengthy discussion, the Board of Education and Mrs. Thompson have set goals for the upcoming school year that will continually improve our schools and develop her skills as an effective leader for LCS.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, the Board of Education will continue to enhance the strong working relationship that we have established with Debbie to keep the district moving in a positive direction.”

A request for the Lapeer East Varsity Baseball Team to travel to Alabama over spring break was approved.

A special Board of Education meeting was scheduled to take place prior to the April 16 Work Session at 6:30 PM at the Administration and Services Center.

The Board approved that the press box at Lapeer West’s Fitzpatrick Field be named the Destain Herbert “Herbie” Matheson Press Box. Herbie Matheson, who died January 21, 2000, was a long-time announcer and supporter of Lapeer and Lapeer West athletics.

The following bids were approved for the work scheduled to be done on the Lapeer East and West Science Labs this summer:

- Demolition to Great Lakes Construction for an amount not to exceed \$38,600;
- Masonry to HMC Mason Contractors for an amount not to exceed \$51,800;
- General trades to Elkhorn Construction for an amount not to exceed \$743,000;
- Aluminum storefronts and windows/glazing to Architectural Glazing System for an amount not to exceed \$6,087;
- Flooring to Ropposch Brothers for an amount not to exceed \$61,095;
- Painting to L.E. Brockman for an amount not to exceed \$12,152;
- Mechanical to Ecker Mechanical for an amount not to exceed \$611,000;
- Electrical to Sky Electric for an amount not to exceed \$128,870.

A Purchase of Diesel Fuel Resolution was approved which will allow the district to purchase diesel fuel at reduced rates in quantities over the bid limit, but under \$35,000, subject to certain restrictions.

The first day of instruction for students for 2009-2010 school year was set for Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Board members thanked Mr. Slater for hosting the meeting and commented on various activities taking place throughout the district.

Superintendent Debbie Thompson announced that the new tennis courts at Lapeer West were used officially for the first time this week with home tennis matches for both Lapeer West and Lapeer East.

She thanked the many staff and parents who have been working on developing a middle school program that will begin when Rolland-Warner and Zemmer open as middle schools in the fall of 2010. These volunteers, who have put in hours doing research and attending meetings, will help the district move forward with a full middle school program.