



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Hadley-Murphy Elementary, Murphy Campus

- Principal Scott Warren welcomed the Board and other guests to the Murphy Campus of Hadley-Murphy Elementary School. Mr. Warren introduced Laura Brandau, 5th grade language arts teacher, who had students recite poems they wrote about their recent trip to Skinner Lake.
- Kim Seifferly, Executive Director of Instruction and Curriculum, announced the following winners of this year's Innovative Technology Grant:
 - Lynn Delpy, Seaton Elementary, received a \$585 grant for "Computer Aided Reading Program". This program will be used to increase reading levels for special education students.
 - Carol Noble and Stacy Sahr, Lapeer West High School, received a \$10,800 grant to purchase "Film Tech Part 2", which will be used to integrate film-making techniques into the high school social studies curriculum. This grant will supplement the first part which was awarded to these teachers in 2007.
 - Nancy Barry, Lapeer West High School, received a \$15,500 grant to purchase "Making Connections With My School, Community, and World". This money will be used to purchase digital cameras and Mac computers for use by high school art students. This new equipment will assist students in connecting historical and cultural perspective in a context that will bring relevance to the past and enable students to relate the arts to their present cultural environment.
 - Cheryl Burnside, Lyniece Fenner, Dan Hundt, Thomas Kaiser, Lori Liley and JoAnn Royce, District Band and Chorus Instructors, received a \$24,000 grant to purchase SmartMusic software that will be used for teaching and assessment of progress for individual students in the District's band, orchestra and choir programs.
- Members of the Middle School Program Committee summarized the progress of the committee for the Board of Education.
- Mike Keller, Chairperson of the Teaching, Learning and Technology Committee, reported on the committee meetings that took place on September 22 and September 29 when Innovative Technology Grant applicants were discussed.
- Peggy Bush, chairperson of the Finance and Operation Committee, reported on the committee meeting that took place on September 29 when sale of buses and student count was discussed.
- Peggy Bush reported on the Bond Oversight Committee meeting that took place prior to the Board meeting. All Bond projects are moving forward and being completed on time or ahead of schedule.
- New policy, 1411/3211/4211 Whistleblower, and changes to policy 6520 Payroll Deductions were approved for first reading.
- Changes to the following policies were approved for second reading and adoption: 0115 BYLAWS Official Description; 0142.4 MEMBERSHIP Oath; 2421 PROGRAM Vocational Education Program; 3218 PROF STAFF Professional Staff Guidelines; 3430.01 PROF STAFF/4430.01 SUPPORT STAFF Family Medical Leave Act; 4218 SUPPORT STAFF Support Staff Guidelines; and 8210 OPERATIONS School Calendar.
- The following books were approved as supplementary texts: *Bread Givers* for the course Women in America; *O, Pioneers!*, *Riders of the Purple Sage*, *The Luck of Roaring Camp*, *The Portable Western Reader*, and *the Virginian* for course The American West.
- The following Patrick Jones novels were adopted for the Reading Workshop Class at Community High School: *Cheated*, *Nailed*, and *Chasing Tall Lights*.
- Overnight/Out of State Field Trips to Washington D.C. on May 7-12, 2009 were approved for both East and West High School.
- Board members commented on various activities taking place throughout the district.
- Superintendent Debbie Thompson commented the special education staff throughout the district for their assistance this fall after the death of the special education director. Marianne Fleet will be stepping in as the Interim Director of Special Education until a permanent replacement is named next year.