



Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2009
at Lapeer East High School

- Mrs. Kelly Paige, Principal of Lapeer East High School, welcomed the Board and guests to Lapeer East High School. Mr. Shoopman, Assistant Principal, talked about all the exciting things taking place at Lapeer East this year. He then introduced Lucan Cosens and Caitlin York, who performed a scene from the play "Bram Stoker's Dracula" that the East/West Drama Club performed last weekend.
- The Board approved an overnight field trip request for the Lapeer East Cheerleaders to travel to Escanaba on January 22-24, 2010.
- The Board approved the following policies for second reading and adoption: 3218 Professional Staff - Professional Staff Guidelines; 3219 Professional Staff - Organizational Responsibilities; 3430.01 Professional Staff - Family and Medical Leave Act Leaves of Absence; 4218 Support Staff - Support Staff Guidelines; 4219 Support Staff - Organizational Responsibilities; 4430.01 Support Staff - Family and Medical Leave Act Leaves of Absence; and 8330 Operations - Student Records.
- The administration updated the Board on the collaborative process being used to identify priorities for all remaining bond projects. The potential projects that remain would cost \$2.2 million more than what is available. The \$2.2 million shortage is what was spent on updating and renovating the science labs at Lapeer East and Lapeer West. The science labs were not in the original plan for bond money but needed to be completed in order to comply with the new Michigan curriculum requirements.

The K-12 Leadership team, which consists of all principals and administrators, met recently and set the following priorities for the remaining bond money: 1. Safety and security; 2. impact on instruction and student learning; and 3. efficiency of operation. Next week K-12 principals will be given a lesson plan and asked to meet with staff and parent leaders in their buildings to review the remaining items that were on the original bond application and help prioritize items. Principals will then bring this information back to the K-12 Leadership team which will develop a master list of priorities and bring a recommendation to the Board.

Improvements to infrastructure and electrical capacity to support current and future technology will occur in all buildings.

A process assessing all the furniture in the district is almost completed. It is anticipated that \$1 million of the remaining bond money will be used to replace classroom furniture and teacher work stations.

- Board members requested that a review period be put in place for student discipline records. A report on SubFinder will take place at one of the December meetings. Board members requested that a resolution be presented at the December 3 meeting regarding the need for the State of Michigan to adequately fund K-12 education.
- Board members thanked Mrs. Paige and Mr. Shoopman for hosting the meeting and commented on the programs that are taking place throughout the District. Mr. Nolan reminded the audience that although elementary redistricting is going to take place, the Board has not been presented with a recommendation as of this time. It is anticipated that parents will be notified in January of the new boundaries for elementary schools and rules for local schools of choice. Board members also thanked Representative Daley for attending the meeting.
- Superintendent Debbie Thompson addressed the Board regarding the H1N1 virus. The district is working closely with the Lapeer County Health Department and following its recommendations. Building custodians are continuing with the regular pattern of disinfecting our buildings. As of Wednesday, the district had 92% of the students, district wide, in attendance. Mrs. Thompson stated that the Health Department is not recommending closure of schools at this time since the period of transmission can be up to 7-10 days and school would need to be closed for at least 7 days to significantly reduce transmission of the virus. During such a closure, students would still be exposed in other community settings such as the grocery store, church, and other activities. Due to these facts, the Lapeer County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Community Health, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are not recommending extended school closures at this time. If student attendance drops to 75% or below, the district would work with the Lapeer County Health Department to reconsider whether schools should be closed.