

Board of Education
 LakeVille Community Schools
 Minutes
 REGULAR MEETING
 Tuesday, December 8, 2015
 LakeVille Middle School
 11107 Washburn Rd. Otisville, MI 48463
 Media Center

A. President Holly Selesky called the meeting to order at **7:03 pm**
Holly Selesky led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **ATTENDANCE**

Board Members Present:

Holly Selesky	
Chad Carriero	
Joe Krapohl	
Kelly Zudell	

Jodi Hemingway	
Jim Baier	
Gary Peterson	

Administrator Present

Vickie Luoma	

Absent

C. **ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Jim Baier moved the Board of Education to accept the agenda as presented. Chad Carriero seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

D. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNATIONS**

E. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

We had approximately 50 staff, parents and community and business leaders from the district join us last Thursday to provide input for the renewal of our Strategic Plan. Mr. Johnson took the data sheets and will coordinate the tabulation at GISD. The data will be processed to gather priority areas. Those will be presented to the Board and we will use that information to determine goals/strategies and action steps in the successor plan. All those in attendance at the meeting will be invited to continue working on the plan development.

The middle school robotics team participated in their first competition this weekend and had a great time. It was great fun watching the enthusiasm and the technical skill of our students. We are very grateful to our sponsors GM, Ford, Consumers Power, MDE and Nexteer. Each of those organizations employ many of our alumni and it is great to see them giving back. Doug Owenby, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Saginaw division is a Lakeville grad (Class of 1978). Nexteer has provided financial support, paid for team t-shirts and has offered to provide mentor assistance - for example they offered to bring in the robot created by another team they sponsor and showing our students some of the other things happening.

Mrs. Selesky got an email last night that indicating the High School robotics team received \$1800 and the Middle School team received \$4000 so that is great through the state grants we applied for.

We are starting the winter athletic season strong. Our Alliance Hockey team is off to a 7-0 start. In the past week we beat Lapeer in the little brown jug annual completion we created and swept Gaylord in a weekend tournament there. We play DeWitt St. Johns Saturday at 5:15 at home. Our varsity girls' basketball team prevailed against Imlay City by a score of 56-29 at home last night.

Next week we host all of our holiday concerts, Tuesday High School, Thursday Middle School.

Otter Lake Elementary hosted another successful Christmas Bazaar Friday evening. As always the building was packed. This is a great opportunity for local vendors to share and sell their wares and for our families to purchase Xmas gifts while our students participate in crafts and game activities.

We are also hosting anti-bullying/conflict resolution training for our staff on our Jan. 18 P.D. day. We will host a student/parent session the same evening. The focus of the workshops will be to identify and practice strategies to improve tolerance and respect for diversity in our schools, identify and implement intervention skills to deal with racism and prejudice, identify and implement life skills to create a school community of respect and caring, and gain a better understanding of

one's own perspective of diversity (cultural, racial, gender and sexual orientation).

I would like to address what I believe is a communication issue. I was at a social event over the weekend and was told that the board refused to allow a group to put an item on the board agenda. That is inaccurate.

School board meetings are business meetings of the board held in the public. They are not public forums unless specifically noted as such. For items to be included on the agenda of the board's meeting they must be shared with the board president who with input from the board determines whether the item will appear on the agenda.

Any group or individual who would like an item on the agenda is welcome to send the information and or presentation to my secretary so we can get it to the board president for review. Items are not included on the agenda without providing the board with the information they need to determine whether it should be included.

The board includes two opportunities for public comments on the agenda for all regular meetings and one on special meetings. Anyone with an interest in addressing the board on an agenda item or an item of public interest is welcome to fill out the forms provided by the board and use those opportunities to speak.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A retired teacher presented six questions to the Board:

1. Why are there teachers with a Master's degree and more than five years' experience at LakeVille making \$34,000?
2. Why are the teachers working without a contract?
3. When teachers asked to make a presentation tonight why were they refused?
4. Why are substitutes paid so little creating a lack of subs?
5. What are the job duties and salary of the public relations person?
6. Are you really interested in having community support?

A high school teacher thanked the Board of Education for a good seven years and would like them to know the reason she is leaving is because there is no contract and no raises in the past four years.

A retired teacher would like to know why the teachers do not have a contract.

The LEA representative provided a presentation to the Board of Education regarding the financial situation of the teachers.

A parent voiced her concerns regarding then district's refusal to allow her child to display a confederate flag inside his personal vehicle on school property..

A school teacher voiced her concerns over the morale of the staff and asked why the board hurried to complete a new contract for the superintendent but has not completed one with the teachers.

G. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. CONSENT AGENDA

Chad Carriero moved the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the approval of the minutes from the November 24, 2015 Regular and Special Meetings, the December 1, 2015 Special Meetings, the personnel report which includes the resignations from High School Teachers Lisa Paulitch-Harris and Jacob Gentry the contracted service report that includes the hire of Varsity Football Coach Steve Verburn, the hire of Greg Moorehouse as assistant Boys Basketball Coach and accounts payable in the amount of \$508,561.71. Jim Baier seconded the motion.

****Roll Call Vote****

H. Selesky – Y, G. Peterson – Y, C. Carriero – Y, K. Zudell – Y,
J. Baier – Y, J. Krapohl – Y, J. Hemingway – Y.

The motion carried 7-0.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- **Monthly Budget Status Update**

J. NEW BUSINESS

- **Transportation for Band Trip to Washington DC**

Joe Krapohl moved the Board of Education to approve having Dean Transportation provide Motor coach service for our students Attending the Washington D.C.Trip to march in the National Inaugural Parade per the enclosed agreement. Kelly Zudell seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

- **Grant Application – Band Trip to Washington DC**

Holly Selesky moved the Board of to approve the Submission of a grant to Lapeer County Community Foundation for funds to support the high school band's trip to Washington D.C. to march in the National Independence Day Parade. Jim Baier seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

- **Lapeer County Community Foundation Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Jim Baier moved the Board of Education to establish a LakeVille fund through the Lapeer County Community Foundation. Chad Carriero seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

- **Negotiations Update**

Chad Carriero moved the Board of Education to go to closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy per section 8(c) of the open meetings act at 7:34 pm. Gary Peterson seconded the motion.

****Roll Call Vote****

H. Selesky – Y, G. Peterson – Y, C. Carriero – Y, K. Zudell – Y,
J. Baier – Y, J. Krapohl – Y, J. Hemingway – Y.

The motion carried 7-0.

Chad Carriero moved the Board of Education to return to open session at 8:23 pm. Kelly Zudell seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

K. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

The Board of Education would like the teachers to know that they are willing to negotiate at any time they just need to contact The Board

President, The Superintendent or the District Negotiator. They also would like everyone to know that the 3 minute time limit for public comments is standard in most public meetings. The Superintendent contract that was approved for three years is also standard business. The Board is required to hire a superintendent per the school code.

The Board would also like to thank everyone for showing up tonight and let the staff know that they appreciate what gets done on a daily basis and the support they show to our kids.

A Board member had the opportunity to visit a couple of buildings this week and is excited to share the great things happening in Otter Lake and the Middle School. While visiting Otter Lake he had the opportunity to see the classes decorating their class room doors for the upcoming holidays. While visiting the Middle School he had the opportunity to visit the stem lab and see Mr. Henley's salmon growing operation.

The Board would also like to thank the public and staff for their participation in the strategic plan meeting.

L. INFORMATION CALENDAR

- 12/23/15 - Holiday Break Begins
- 01/04/16 – School Resumes
- 01/18/16 – No School (PD Day) – Student and Parent Anti-Bullying Workshop in the evening
- 01/27/16 – ½ Day of School
- 01/28/16 – ½ Day of School
- 01/29/16 – No School for Students (End of Semester)

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A community member is glad to know that the Board is interested in negotiating with the teachers and hope they can come to a resolution so we can keep the teachers we have.

A concerned parent would like more information on bullying and harassment.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Jim Baier moved the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting at **8:37 pm**. **Gary Peterson** seconded the motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Gary Peterson, Secretary
Approved January 12, 2016

**Next Meeting: Tuesday January 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm –
LakeVille Middle School Media Center**