Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 25, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Alberta B. Martin Board Room
11425 Torrey Road
Fenton, Michigan 48430

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Fletcher.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President Fletcher led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
Present:
Mr. Chris Fletcher, President
Mr. Orlin Knuth, Treasurer
Mr. Bob Hutchins, Trustee
Mr. Bob Grubbs, Trustee
Mrs. Heidi Howieson, Trustee
Student Representatives:
Mr. Mason Rinks, 12th Grade Student Representative
Mr. Jack Babbitt, 11th Grade Student Representative
Absent:
Mr. Mike Cicalo, Vice-President
Others:
Mr. Wayne Wright, Superintendent
Mrs. Katy Wade, Recording Secretary
Dr. Dan Ferguson, MS Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Conover, THIS Principal
Ms. Lisa Richards, LFEA, THIS Staff
Melanie Everett, LFEA, THIS staff
Dave & Peggy Carver
Chris Carver
Rand, Leslee, Joel Robinson
The McDaniel Family
Brenda & Devin LaBonte

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Secretary Godlewski presented the agenda without changes.
Motion by Secretary Godlewski, supported by Treasurer Knuth to accept the agenda as presented. President Fletcher called for a voice vote to accept the agenda as presented.
The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION
Principal Conover introduced members of the LFEA who were present and thanked the board for their services to the students, staff and community. The Lake Fenton Education Association (LFEA) brought vegetable & fruit trays, plus desserts and the building staffs made cards, banners and also presented a gift of Swedish Fish to members of
the board because they are “O-Fish-ially” the BEST Board! Thank you to all for recognizing our wonderful board of education.

VI. STUDENT RECOGNITION
A. Principal Kathleen Conover, Torrey Hill Intermediate School, presented certificates to students, Zachary Horn, Grace Ishaq, Gabrielle LaBonte and Matteo Ziraldo, for their demonstration of Generosity in the classroom and school.
B. Principal Dan Ferguson, Lake Fenton Middle School, presented certificates to Madeline Gibb, Rylee McDaniel and Joel Robinson for their Leadership and Excellence in the LFMS Play Production “Cinderella and the Candy Kingdom.”

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

VIII. PRESENTATIONS
A. Jack Babbitt, 11th Grade Student Representative, reported on activities at the high school.
B. Mason Rinks, 12th Grade Student Representative, reported on high school student activities such as a visit from Baker College to discuss “college life”, annual high school spelling bee is February 5th, and the field trip to Zehnders of Frankenmuth for the high school accounting class.
C. Todd Reynolds, High School Principal, introduced Becky Duncan who is coordinating the Lake Fenton Winter Guard. Members of the team spoke to the board and invited them to attend the Sneak Peek on Saturday, January 30th at the high school to see and experience a performance. Principal Reynolds reported the Lake Fenton Band recently had a Go Fund Me account set up to assist in the purchase of a new and larger band trailer. Their goal was reached and will soon be purchasing the trailer! The high school play production of “The Little Mermaid” is being performed through January 31st. There is a new club at the high school, ROV-Robotics Operated Vehicles. The Dive Shop on Corunna Road is sponsoring. The team will learn to operate and submerge robots underwater. Team members will be given free dive lessons, with parent permission, which is needed for them to participate in competitions. There was a good turnout at Parent/Teacher conferences; PSAT reports are in and the high school staff is breaking down the data and analyzing.
D. Dan Ferguson, Middle School Principal, reported on the 30% participation at parent/teacher conferences, which is comparable to most other conferences held at this time of year. The staff is working with students and parents on developing the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) matrix to be implemented to assist students with improving behavior in a positive way. There were 49 students who attended Saturday School on January 23rd. Only 2 students were required by Principal Ferguson to attend leaving 47 students to have voluntarily attended. Competitive Cheer is underway and the team has had competed twice. Boys basketball tryouts began with over 50 participants.
E. Kathleen Conover, Torrey Hill Intermediate School Principal, reported on the building’s mid year testing of student progress as well as the staff is beginning their work on self assessment for the School Improvement Plan. Torrey Hill staff voted to change their PBS theme from THIS to PRIDE, (Positive, Respectful, Independent, Dependable, Engaged). Student have been assisting with the matrix and there will be an event kickoff on January 29th. Torrey Hill students will be going to the middle school to watch their play production on February 5th.
F. Sonya Shaughnessy, West Shore Elementary School Principal, reported on the implementation of a safety patrol consisting of 2nd graders. Students had to complete an application, have a reference from their teacher as well as two other staff members. The West Shore staff is also doing mid year testing of students. Report cards will be mailed on February 5th. Casey Schaub, GISD, will be training the staff on using Illuminate data and there will be a district professional development day with Torrey Hill staff on getting ready for the new science standards. West Shore will continue with their PBS theme of the 3 Bs, “Bee Responsible, Bee Safe and Bee Respectful” with a re-energize kickoff in February.
G. Principal Reynolds updated the board on winter sports activities and reminded the board of the Silent Auction and Dinner Dance, sponsored by the LF Athletic Boosters, on March 5th. The cost per ticket is $30 and will be held at the St. John’s Activity Center in Fenton.

H. Julie Williams, Assistant Superintendent, explained the PBS grant that was applied for and awarded, which is why the buildings are redesigning their matrices and rolling out new programs. Building staffs are moving in the right direction for implementing the analyzing of data which was stated in the NCA report from last year. M-STEP results were released later than anticipated and the State is assuring there will be a faster timeline which will allow districts to look at the data and find the holes where curriculum improvement is needed. The technology committee met and discussed budget preparation for next school year. The committee is looking at the wish lists of staff to determine those technology items the district will focus on for 2016-17.

I. Wayne Wright, Superintendent, informed the board of the Revenue Consensus Hearing held in Lansing and to not expect an increase in the student foundation allowance. Although the state will be assisting financially with the Flint water crisis, the Detroit Public Schools situation and road funding, area legislators are confident the state foundation allowance will not be impacted. Sinking Fund modifications will hopefully soon be approved and there are talks of additional prohibited subjects during bargaining sessions.

IX. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
President Fletcher presented the consent agenda items for approval.

A. Meeting Minutes
   December 14, 2015 - Regular Meeting

B. Financial Report
   Manifest of Checks paid prior to December 31, 2015 in the amount of $436,502.93
   Motion by Trustee Grubbs and supported by Trustee Hutchins to accept the consent agenda items as presented.
   Discussion: None
   Hearing none, President Fletcher called for a voice vote.
   The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

X. ACTION ITEMS
A. Recommendation toAward the Middle School Track Repair and Resurfacing Project
   Motion by Secretary Godlewski and supported by Trustee Howieson to award the base bid proposal of $77,062.42 to T & M Asphalt Paving for the middle school track repair and resurfacing project as well as an alternate bid proposal for $327.11 to repair and pave the middle school high jump pad. As presented, the amount of both proposals to be paid using sinking funds is $77,389.53.

   President Fletcher asked for discussion.
   Discussion: Supt. Wright stated the bid received last year for the project was over $100,000.00, but this bid is still higher than he anticipated. Trustee Grubbs inquired why there was such a discrepancy between the amounts for the alternate bid. Supt. Wright stated, T & M Asphalt was surprised as well since there will be very little material used and equipment needed is already there for the project.

   President Fletcher asked for further discussion.
   Hearing none, President Fletcher called for a voice vote.
   The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

B. Recommendation to Accept the Donation of $3,550 from Lake Fenton Youth Basketball
   Motion by Trustee Grubbs and supported by Trustee Howieson to accept the donation of $3,550.00 from Lake Fenton Youth Basketball to the girl’s high school basketball program as presented.

   President Fletcher asked for discussion.

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations for participation in this meeting should contact Wayne Wright, Superintendent, at 810.591.2532 at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting to request assistance.
Discussion: Asst. Supt. Williams explained the youth basketball program which is managed by Mr. Steve Scott and coordinated with Mr. Todd Wilkinson, LF Facilities Scheduler. The high school girls basketball team works the concession stand during the weekend youth games. The donation is a contribution for their help. The boys youth season is just beginning and the boys basketball team will help with concessions as well.

President Fletcher asked for further discussion.
Hearing none, President Fletcher called for a voice vote.
The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

C. Recommendation to Accept the Donation of $1,000.00 from Devils Wrestling Club
Motion by Trustee Hutchins and supported by Trustee Grubbs to accept the donation of $1,000.00 from Devils Wrestling Club to the high school wrestling program as presented.

President Fletcher asked for discussion.
Discussion: Principal Reynolds explained the varsity wrestling team worked at the Devils Wrestling Club’s youth tournament and this donation is for their services.

President Fletcher asked for further discussion.
Hearing none, President Fletcher called for a voice vote.
The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

XII. COMMUNICATIONS
Secretary Godlewski reported he had received no communications.

XIII. ITEMS FROM TRUSTEES/ADMINISTRATORS
• President Fletcher presented the Board of Education and Superintendent Code of Conduct for signature by all. Trustee Grubbs stated he would like to see the document signed annually.
• President Fletcher stated he had made one change to the committee assignments, but the new list was available in the board book.
• President Fletcher asked the board to review the evaluation tool being used for the board of education and to give feedback on whether the tool needs to be revised. Secretary Godlewski mentioned the board may want to review the superintendent’s evaluation tool as well since there were a couple of areas that were not used during the last evaluation. Both items were added to the list of future board workshop topics.
• Future Board Workshop Topics - President Fletcher stated the ongoing list of topics is available on Google for board members to add items for discussion.
• President Fletcher asked if there were other committees besides the technology committee that had met and if so, for a report. Trustee Hutchins attended the GCASBM and stated Attorney William Blaha presented on the topic of Open Carry of Weapons in Schools.
• President Fletcher asked for input on the new attendance policy which was implemented at the high school this school year. Principal Reynolds explained the parameters for a student to benefit from not having their final exam grade calculated into their trimester grade. The student representatives inquired with students at the high school to get a feel of the student body. Student Representative Babbitt stated it was well received by students he talked with and Student Representative Rinks stated students who put forth effort everyday in class felt it only benefited the students who just show up so they don’t have to pass the final exam. The students Rinks spoke with would like to see a higher minimum grade be required for students to receive the benefit. The board of education would like Principal Reynolds to compile a comparison of the number of students having to take exams from 2nd trimester of last year to 2nd trimester this year as well as a comparison from 1st trimester of this school year to 2nd trimester of this school year. Secretary Godlewski thanked the administrators for the work they have done putting this policy in place and recognizes the difficulty of implementing something new.
• Recording Secretary Wade stated there was not a link provided in the board book for the district calendar but one would be made available on Tuesday.

XIV. ADVANCED PLANNING
• LFHS Boiler Upgrade Project Bid Opening, 2/2, 3:30 p.m., Alberta B. Martin Board Room
• COTW Meeting, 2/8, 7:00 p.m., Alberta B. Martin Board Room
• 3 Districts Board of Education Steering Committee, 2/10, 6:00 p.m., Alberta B. Martin Board Room
• LFEA Hob Nob Event, 2/11, 4-6:00 p.m., Fenton Fire Hall - RSVP to Lisa Richards before 2/5
• LF Education Foundation Meeting, 2/17, 5:00 p.m., Alberta B. Martin Board Room
• Technology Committee Meeting, 2/22, 3:00 p.m., Alberta B. Martin Board Room
• Regular BOE Meeting, 2/22, 7:00 p.m., Alberta B. Martin Board Room
• Human Trafficking Presentation, 2/24, 6:00 p.m., LFHS Auditorium
• LFCS Steering Committee Meeting, 3/1, 4:00 p.m., LFHS Band Room
• LF Education “Baffling Bill-The Magician”, 3/5, 3:00 p.m., LFHS Auditorium

XV. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, President Fletcher adjourned the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Godlewski, Secretary
Katy Wade, Recording Secretary