



# Lapeer Community Schools Board Action Briefs

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## Board of Education Meeting Thursday, December 3, 2009 at Lapeer West High School

- Mr. Tim Zeeman, Principal of Lapeer West High School, welcomed the Board and guests to Lapeer West High School. The Lapeer West Jazz Band, directed by Dan Hundt, performed.
- Mark Fleisher, Andrea Curtis, and Adam Wiegand from Plante & Moran reviewed the audit results for the 2008-2009 school year. The results were the best possible with an unqualified audit. This is the highest score the auditors can give.
- Rex Hart reported on the automated sub-system that the district began using at the beginning of the current school year. He reviewed the savings that the district has realized with this system and the challenges the district and staff have faced with this new system. It is anticipated that there will be additional “tweaks” to the system as the district progresses through the remainder of the school year. Another report will be given at the end of the school year reviewing the full year with the new system.
- The Board approved a special meeting be held at 6:45 PM on December 17, prior to the Work Session, for the purpose of approving a bid.
- The Board approved that Zemmer Junior High School be renamed Zemmer Middle School effective immediately.
- Board members approved a Resolution in Support of Funding for Education that will be sent to Senator Judd Gilbert, State Representative Kevin Daley, and Governor Jennifer Granholm.
- Due to the dire financial situation taking place in Michigan, Board members recommended that the district begin discussion with the other school districts in Lapeer County regarding the possibility of merging districts and/or sharing services to save money.
- Board members thanked Mr. Zeeman and Lapeer West Staff for hosting the meeting and thanked Mr. Hundt and the Jazz Band for the wonderful performance. Board members also thanked Mr. Zeeman for the tour of the refurbished science labs, weight room, and new auxiliary gym that took place prior to the meeting. Board members commented on various activities taking place throughout the district.
- Superintendent Debbie Thompson commented on an article that was recently in the County Press regarding a criminal sexual conduct case against a minor. The paper stated that the man charged was an assistant coach on the Lapeer East Equestrian Club. She wanted to make it clear that the article was in error and that Lapeer East does not sanction an Equestrian Team, and the man named in the story is not, and never has been, an employee or a volunteer, in the Lapeer Community Schools.
- Mrs. Thompson gave Board members information regarding the Lapeer Child Advocacy Center. She is serving on the Board for this agency that is working toward preventing child sexual abuse.