

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting January 19, 2010 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Cindy Wear, Pam Campbell, Rex Huston, and Darren Spangler, Mark Irish and Deanna Stambaugh. Vice Pres. Dan Horton was absent.

Also present were Supt. Jo Campbell, Prin. Lila McKeown, Jeanne Clayton, and visitor Bob Huff.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Stambaugh to approve the minutes from the open (no closed session) of December 15, 2009 regular meeting of LCSD #347 as presented. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Horton, absent; Irish, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Spangler, yes; Stambaugh, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Supt. Campbell gave the Financial Report and presented the district bills.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Spangler to approve the financial report and payment of bills. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Campbell, yes; Irish, yes; Horton, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

Presentations:

Bob Huff of Huff Architectural Group presented an overview of district plans for demolition, renovation and new construction which must be in place in order to utilize state school construction grant funds as they become available. Huff gave information on a new matching energy grant which may be used to upgrade the old high school building to current standards. Huff answered many questions about demolition of the 1928 building and suggested a possible 2-step plan with demolition/renovation in the first phase and new construction in the second phase. Huff encouraged the board to make as many decisions now as possible in order to be ready when state funds become available and suggested various avenues for raising the district portion of the expense.

Board Committee Reports:

Policy Committee will meet January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Facilities Committee will meet as soon as possible.

No other committee reports given.

Superintendent Campbell announced an IEA/NEA Legislative Forum scheduled at Brown County High School on Mon., Jan 25 at 6:30 with state representatives and senators attending. The main focus of the meeting will be discussion of the state financial situation. Supt. Campbell gave an overview of the most recent legislative report including information about Race to the Top and state finances. Campbell and the board discussed legislative action passed in November which requires specific district communication devices for transportation. Economic Interest annual questionnaires were completed by each board member and by the administrators present.

The Principal's Report was given to the board including discussion of the tentative La Harpe graduation date of May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Business Items:

No board action to report on Financial Discussions or Short-Term Borrowing Information.

Race to the Top (Rt3) Grant: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Wear to accept the Race to the Top Grant Memorandum of Understanding signed by the superintendent and submitted to the ISBE on January 8, 2010 as presented. Roll Call: Irish, no; Campbell, yes; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes; Horton, absent. Motion carried 5-1.

Verbatim Closed Session Recordings: A motion was made by Stambaugh with second by Campbell to approve the deletion of verbatim closed session recordings made at least 18 months prior to the regular December 15, 2009 board meeting, per board policy 2:220. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Wear, yes; Spangler, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Campbell, yes; Irish, yes; Horton, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

District Policy Updates: A motion was made by Spangler with second by Stambaugh to approve the first reading of Press Issues 67, 68, 69 and 70 policy updates as presented. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Horton, absent; Irish, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Spangler, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Semiannual Review of Closed Session Minutes: A motion was made by Huston with second by Spangler to leave closed session minutes sealed. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Horton, absent; Stambaugh, yes; Irish, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**A motion was made by Campbell with second by Huston to enter into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific personnel, and discipline of specific students at 9:10 p.m. Roll Call: Horton, absent; Wear, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Spangler, yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Closed session discussion was held.**

**A motion was made by Irish with second by Stambaugh to return to open session at 11:55 p.m. Voice Vote response was all in favor. Motion carried.**

Personnel:

Resignations: A motion was made by Stambaugh with second by Campbell to accept with regrets the resignation submitted by Carrie Faul from the position of Junior High Girls' Track Coach. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Campbell, yes; Horton, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Irish with second by Spangler to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 a.m. The Voice Vote response was all in favor. Motion carried.

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President

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Secretary