

**January 2010 School Board NEWS RELEASE**  
La Harpe Community School District #347

The La Harpe school board met Tuesday night, January 19, 2010 in the school district library. Board members in attendance were President Cindy Wear, Mark Irish, Pam Campbell, Rex Huston, Deanna Stambaugh, and Darren Spangler. Also present were Supt. Jo Campbell, Prin. Lila McKeown, Jeanne Clayton and visitor Bob Huff.

Principal McKeown praised music teacher Stephanie Mencil for outstanding school Christmas programs, mentioned the various other school Christmas activities enjoyed in December, and the recent training teachers have received. McKeown reported that both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball regional tournaments will be held in La Harpe, and the volleyball teams have begun their matches. McKeown has scheduled 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation for May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Architect Bob Huff met with the board to provide information regarding demolition procedures for the 1928 building and also updates on school construction funding, energy grant possibilities, and the need to have a specific plan in place should funds for construction become available.

Superintendent Campbell led discussion about FY2011 finances and planning to deal with the unknowns of the state budget. Supt. Campbell will make available at the February board meeting more information on short-term borrowing to assist in making future district financial decisions. Board members were invited to attend a legislative forum in Mount Sterling on Mon., Jan. 25 with state finances as the main discussion topic. New transportation legislation was presented by Supt. Campbell. A policy committee meeting scheduled for Jan. 26 at 6:30 was announced and the building committee will soon be meeting as well.

In addition to approving previous board minutes, the financial report and payment of bills, the school board accepted with regrets Carrie Faul's resignation from the position of girls' track coach. The board also accepted the Race to the Top Grant Memorandum of Understanding signed by Supt. Campbell, approved the first reading of policy updates as presented, moved to leave the closed session recordings sealed, and approved the deletion of closed session recordings made at least 18 months prior to the current meeting as per district policy 2:220.

Regularly scheduled LCSD #347 board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month in the school library at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to view agendas, news releases and approved minutes on the school board section of the La Harpe Eagles website at [www.laharpeeagles.org](http://www.laharpeeagles.org)