

April 2010 School Board NEWS RELEASE  
La Harpe Community School District #347

Board Meeting

The La Harpe school board met Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in the district library. Board members in attendance were Pres. Cindy Wear, Mark Irish, Pam Campbell, Rex Huston, Deanna Stambaugh, and Darren Spangler. Also present were Supt. Jo Campbell, Prin. Lila McKeown, Jeanne Clayton, Todd Porter and Chad Burt.

The board hired the following athletic coop coaching positions for the 2010-11 school year: 7/8 baseball: head coach Todd Porter with assistant Jeff McDowell; 7/8 girls' basketball: head coach Rachelle Boston with assistant Dave Clover; 7/8 boys basketball: head coach David Anderson with assistant A.J. Huston; 7/8 girls' volleyball: head coach Cindy Pollock with assistant Lisa Trout. The La Harpe board also approved the coaching recommendations for athletics hosted by Dallas ESD #327 and approved the 2011 school calendar and IESA membership.

Supt. Campbell gave the financial report adding that only 2 of the 4 state payments in Special Ed. and Transportation would be received in this fiscal year and the state is still using ARRA monies to make the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter General State Aid payments, with no indication that districts will receive all 6 GSA payments next year. Supt. Campbell stated that an education jobs stimulus bill has been introduced, but has not yet passed. The La Harpe building committee continues planning to bring all district facilities under one secure roof in the future with building updates, an addition and demolition projects. These projects are still being honed in the planning stages ahead of school construction grant funding, which may become available in a few years. Supt. Campbell reported that the state-funded portion of these district projects would be above 74%, and at the time grant money is available, a building plan may be scaled back, but it may not be expanded.

In addition to approving previous board minutes, the financial report and payment of bills, the school board discontinued annual physicals and TB tests for cafeteria personnel; approved the first reading of policy updates, and approved the deletion of closed session recordings made at least 18 months prior to the current meeting as per district policy 2:220.

Principal McKeown reported another successful Book Fair with funds being used for new library books and noted First State Bank's help in bringing the WIU Touring Theater to perform "Hansel and Gretel: The New Story" for La Harpe PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. La Harpe Junior High solo and ensemble contest participants brought home several first and second place honors from West Central, and band students enjoyed a practice and performance experience at Illini West with combined area junior and senior high musicians. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade visited the state Capitol, the Illinois Museum, Lincoln's Tomb, and the Lincoln Presidential Library. The Student Council sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt, Mrs. Sparrow organized a Title I Parent Night with Melissa Johnson and students demonstrating vital components of reading. La Harpe School held preparedness drills for fire, reverse evacuation, and lockdown situations. 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls attended a presentation by Bobi James on Leadership and summer volleyball camps will be held at La Harpe. Congratulations to Elyce Trout who was named an Illinois Scholar Attitude winner for this year!

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)