

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting March 16, 2010 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Pres. Cindy Wear, V.P. Dan Horton, Pam Campbell, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, and Darren Spangler. Deanna Stambaugh was absent. Also present were Supt. Jo Campbell, Prin. Lila McKeown, Jeanne Clayton, and visitors David Pistorius, Kathy Kendall and Cindy Jones.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Wear to approve the minutes from the open and closed sessions of April 20, 2010 regular meeting of LCSD #347 as presented. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Horton, yes; Irish, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Spangler, yes; Stambaugh, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

Supt. Campbell gave the financial report and presented district bills adding that the Jobs for Education bill has passed the House and, if successful, might be used to help make the 1 billion dollar General State Aid payments to schools in Illinois. The State government now hopes to settle on a budget by the end of May.

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

Public Presentations: Kathy Kendall and Cindy Jones presented the board with a letter to be read and discussed in closed session.

Board Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee: Repairs needed to the main sidewalk on D Street were discussed. A request was made for the head custodian to make a weekly walk through the 1928 building to be sure it has not been entered and is secure.

Transportation Committee: A transportation meeting initiated by Illini West will be arranged for a date after June 6th.

No other committee reports were given.

Supt. Campbell provided the board with reports on recent legislative action, School Construction Grant progress, and announced upcoming and recent meetings of the Superintendent's Association including news of Dr. Campbell's election to the IASA Board of Directors. Supt. Campbell noted several changes in the health insurance program, and the addition of pollution Liability Coverage to the current liability plan for the district.

Principal McKeown reported a successful track season with many students finishing in the top ten at the state meet. Springtime class field trips were enjoyed by all students who visited various places relating to each grade's curriculum. Families of La Harpe students participated in many activities including Family Day on May 7, preschool Family Night, and Kindergarten Orientation. Student Council sponsored an "end of the year" dance and 8th Grade Graduation was held May 21.

David Pistorius from First Midstate, Inc. presented the board with several funding and financial options in light of the State's financial crisis. La Harpe District will pay off its current Health Life Safety bond in December. The district had in the past positioned itself for the sale of working

cash bonds. This "positioning" would allow the La Harpe school board to access additional funds up to \$500,000 for working cash over the next 3 financially uncertain years if needed. If the board should adopt such a resolution, the required public notice declaring such intent would be published and First Midstate would oversee the process. The board would not be obligated to sell working cash bonds, but should the need arise, it would be in position to do so quickly.

Business Items:

Working Cash Bond Resolution: A motion was made by Horton with second by Huston to adopt the resolution declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 347, Hancock, Henderson, McDonough Counties, Illinois, in the aggregate amount of \$500,000 and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law. Roll Call: Horton, yes; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Amend FY10 Calendar: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Wear to amend the FY10 School Calendar as presented. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Horton, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Irish, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Federal Assistance Programs: A motion was made by Huston with second by Campbell to approve the district's participation in Federal Assistance Programs. Roll Call: Horton, yes; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Optional Student Accident Insurance: A motion was made by Irish with second by Horton to approve the offering of additional student accident insurance provided by Hometown Insurance of La Harpe. Roll Call: Horton, yes; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

IASB Membership (required to subscribe to PRESS): A motion was made by Horton with second by Spangler to approve the district's membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards for the school year 2010-11. Roll Call: Horton, yes; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Policy Updates: A motion was made by Irish with second by Horton to approve the second reading of policy updates, including those from PRESS Issue 71 as presented. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Horton, yes; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Verbatim Closed Session Recordings: A motion was made by Spangler with second by Campbell to approve the deletion of verbatim closed session recordings made at least 18 months prior to the regular May 18, 2010 board meeting, per board policy 2:220. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Wear, yes; Spangler, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Campbell, yes; Irish, yes; Horton, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Sale of Obsolete Property: A motion was made by Irish with second by Huston to approve the sale of obsolete district property during June/July of 2010. Roll Call: Horton, yes; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

RT3: President Wear called for a motion to approve district participation in the second round of Race to the Top and sign the Memorandum of Understanding. No member moved, thus no motion.

Kids on Campus Transportation: A motion was made by Huston with second by Campbell to provide bus transportation for the FY2010 Carl Sandburg College Kids on Campus program. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Horton, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Irish, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

June Board Meeting/Budget Amendment Hearing Date Change: A motion was made by Irish with second by Huston to move the regular June 2010 school board meeting date from June 15 to June 22. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Horton, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Irish, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Closed session discussion was held.

A motion was made by Horton with second by Huston to return to open session at 11:42 p.m. Voice Vote response returned all in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel:

Employment:

A motion was made by Spangler with second by Wear to hire Jodelle Eddington, Brandon Gehle, Hayden Fox, and Michael Lafferty for part-time and Peggy Bundy for full-time summer 2010 custodial work. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Horton, yes; Irish, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Stambaugh, absent; Spangler, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Campbell with second by Horton to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 p.m. The Voice Vote response was all in favor. The meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary