

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting September 20, 2011 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Nate Butler, Pam Campbell, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, and Cindy Wear. Darren Spangler was absent. Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown, Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton, Dr. Pam Sparrow and WIU student Haylee Miller were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the open and closed meeting of the August 9, 2011 special meeting, the August 16, 2011 regular meeting, and the September 7 special meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as presented. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Supt. Campbell gave the financial report and presented district bills.

A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Huston to approve the financial report and payment of bills as amended (check 82801 was voided and resubmitted as check 82856). Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Presentations: No presentations given.

*Board Committee Reports:*

*Curriculum & Instruction:* Mrs. McKeown will arrange a meeting of the curriculum committee, Mark Irish and Pam Campbell.

*Facilities:* Irish reported on the facilities committee meeting regarding the gym ceiling and project progress. The committee recommended the gym ceiling and floor be rebid in February along with the 1928 building demolition with the projects in the summer of 2012. A Project Report from Project Manager Steve Gross of Huff Architectural was viewed and Mrs. McKeown showed the current project design board and the selected paint chips. A 1928 building cornerstone request from the class of '52 was heard and discussed. It was agreed this would have to be added to the demolition bid, perhaps as an alternate. Additional cost may be a determining factor.

*Transportation:* Clayton will arrange a meeting of the transportation committee, Rex Huston and Darren Spangler regarding many aspects of FY13 transportation which must be determined soon.

*Negotiations:* The process will begin next spring to negotiate a new contract with the LEA.

*Athletics:* A coop athletic issue and its appropriate resolution were reviewed.

Board Members: No reports given.

The Superintendent's report included information regarding Mandatory Board Trainings regarding Open Meetings Act. Deadlines and OMA training dates will be gathered for members to plan their individual compliance. Mrs. McKeown recently completed the FOIA and OMA online trainings.

Principal McKeown's report included an update on Junior High Baseball and both Girls Basketball teams. Elementary students were benchmarked on Sept. 14, 2011 for their fall universal screening using the AIMS Web probe. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have signed up for band and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade music students will be fundraising for a spring trip to Six Flags for the Music Festival. Mrs. Mencil recently received a distinguished State Recognition Award at the Music Directors Conference. McKeown reported events of the first and second Teachers' Institutes at La Harpe. Two Promethean boards have recently been installed, and some IW teachers will be coming to the building to observe Promethean boards being used.

Business Items:

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing: Dr. Campbell reviewed the annual proposed budget

A motion was made by Butler with second by Wear to recess to the regular meeting and open the budget hearing. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Butler to adjourn the budget hearing and return to the regular meeting. The voice vote response indicated all were in favor. The budget hearing adjourned.

Action to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: A motion was made by Irish with second by Carpenter to adopt Fiscal Year 2012 budget as presented. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration and Action Regarding Renovation Project – Gymnasium Ceiling: No action.

Consideration and Action Regarding Annual Application for Recognition of Schools: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Irish to approve the Annual Application for Recognition of Schools. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration and Action –Second Reading of District Policy Updates: A motion was made by Butler with second by Huston to approve the second reading of District Policy Updates as presented (PRESS Issue 76). Roll Call: Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Verbatim Closed Meeting Records: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Butler to approve the deletion of verbatim closed meeting recordings made at least 18 months prior to the regular September 20, 2011 board meeting, per board policy 2:220. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board walked through the renovation areas and viewed the progress of the project.

**Closed Meeting:**

**A motion was made by Irish with second by Carpenter to adjourn to closed meeting on September 20, 2011 at 9:06 p.m. to discuss:**

**(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees,**

**(2) Deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, and**

**(10) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.**

**Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

**President Wear called the closed meeting to order at 9:08 p.m. Board members present: Nate Butler, Pam Campbell, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, and Cindy Wear. Also present: Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown, and Sec. Jeanne Clayton. Closed meeting discussion involved (1) Classified Personnel Letter of Resignation, (1) Consideration – Classified Substitute Personnel Employment Applications, (1)&(2) Consideration – Bookkeeper Retirement Benefit, (1) Consideration – Paraprofessional Employment, (1)&(2) Consideration – District Treasurer Employment, (10) Matter Relating to Placement of Individual Student.**

**A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to return to open meeting at 9:32 p.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.**

Personnel:

Resignations: A motion was made by Irish with second by Huston to accept with regrets the resignations submitted by Bonnie Yocum. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration and Action to Approve Additional Superintendent Goals for FY 2012: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Wear to approve the additional superintendent goals for FY 2012 as presented. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration and Action to Approve Classified Substitute Personnel Employment: A motion was made by Huston with second by Butler to approve the classified personnel applications submitted by Greg Little as Substitute Paraprofessional and Nicole Anderson as Substitute Cook. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration and Action to Approve Bookkeeper Retirement Benefit: A motion was made by Butler with second by Wear to approve the Bookkeeper Retirement Benefit for Karen Nudd in the amount of \$3,000. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration and Action - Paraprofessional Employment: A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to employ Lee Unger in the position of Paraprofessional for School Year 2012. Roll Call: Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration and Action – District Treasurer Employment: This item was tabled until the October meeting.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. The voice vote response indicated all were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Signed: Cindy Wear, President  
Jeanne Clayton, Secretary