

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting October 18, 2011 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, and Cindy Wear. Nate Butler arrived at 7:08; Darren Spangler arrived at 7:34. Pam Campbell was absent. Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown and Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Huston to approve the minutes of the open and closed meeting of the September 20, 2011 regular meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as amended. Roll Call: Butler, absent; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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

A motion was made by Huston with second by Wear to approve the financial report and payment of bills as presented. Roll Call: Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Presentations: No presentations given.

Board Committee Reports:

Curriculum and Technology: The committees met together on Sept. 29 and Oct. 12.

Facilities: HLS Progress report from Project Manager, Steve Gross was viewed. All progress reports have been added to the school website.

Transportation: The transportation committee, Rex Huston and Darren Spangler, met regarding IW bus route recommendations and La Harpe busing needs for FY13.

Board Members: No reports given.

The Superintendent's report included information about the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago in November, the Western Area Roundtable regarding Ed Reform, School Finance & Funding, Public Employee Pension, and School District Reorganization—the "Classrooms First" committee. Campbell attended a meeting on the extensive Ed Reform legislation requiring a new evaluation system for teachers, changes in how teachers obtain tenure and a new process for RIFs. Campbell also explained the State proposal to fund ROEs using Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax. The District receives \$74,000 of this local tax which would then go to pay ROE superintendent and assistant superintendent.

Principal McKeown's report included an update on DC/LH Coop Athletics emphasizing the generosity of Dallas City Principal and Athletic Director for hosting the 7/8 Grade Girls Basketball while the La Harpe gym is being updated. McKeown reported the midterm schedule, recent fire drills and Fire Safety Day, and Junior High-sponsored activities such as Red Ribbon Week, a pumpkin decorating contest and a flag football game. Three of the Illini West faculty visited for Promethean Board demonstrations, the September SIP day consisted of an introduction to Formative Assessments which is relative to the new Common Core Standards.

Business Items:

FY 2011 Annual Financial Report: Dr. Campbell reviewed the annual audit prepared by Reusch, Butler & Associates. La Harpe received the highest score—"recognition". Campbell went through the audit, highlighting pertinent information for the Board.

Obligation of FY2010 REAP Grant Funds and Textbook Purchases: The Board discussed technology and textbook needs relative to the new Common Core Standards and viewed the new remote controls for the Promethean boards.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Butler to approve obligation of REAP grant funds from funding year 2010 as presented in Addendum 1. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to approve textbook purchases as presented in Addendum 2. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

FY2012 Administrative Compensation Report: This report is filed annually with the ISBE and updated on the school website. No action necessary.

Part-time Custodial Position: The head custodian's request to establish the position was discussed. The plan is to hire a specific person once we are moved back into the construction areas and the number of daily hours may be determined. Additional sub custodial help would be obtained during the move in, prior to hiring the part-time custodian.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Carpenter to approve the establishment of a part-time custodial position for the school district. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

School buses for FY2013: Bidding is not required in order to continue leasing buses from the current company. The Board consented to continue with this Central States providing the number and sizes of buses to Central States in order to obtain information on new lease prices. No action necessary.

IASB Resolutions: Dr. Campbell noted one IASB resolution which exempts school districts from complying with Prevailing Wage. Irish stated he had previously been a delegate and had found it an interesting experience. This item will be revisited in November. No action.

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

The Board toured the construction areas and viewed the progress of the project.

Closed Meeting:

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to adjourn to closed meeting on October 18, 2011 at 10:07 p.m. to discuss items per ILCS 120/2(c) listed below:

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

President Wear called the closed meeting to order at 10:07 p.m. Board members present: Nate Butler, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, Darren Spangler, and Cindy Wear. Also present: Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown, and Sec. Jeanne Clayton. Closed meeting discussion

involved (1)&(2)Consideration to approve District Treasurer services, and (10) Matters relating to two student suspensions.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to return to open meeting at 10:28 p.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel:

District Treasurer Employment: A motion was made by Spangler with second by Wear to retain Karen Nudd to provide School District Treasurer services, with monthly compensation in the amount of \$300.00. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, no; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 5-1.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m. The voice vote response indicated all were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Signed: Cindy Wear, President;
Jeanne Clayton, Secretary