

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting November 15, 2011 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Nate Butler, Pam Campbell, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, Darren Spangler, and Cindy Wear. Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown, Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton, and Bob Huff of Huff Architectural Group were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Butler to approve the minutes of the open and closed meeting of the October 18, 2011 regular meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as presented. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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

A motion was made by Irish with second by Campbell to approve the financial report and payment of bills as presented. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Presentations: No presentations given.

Board Committee Reports:

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

Bob Huff gave a detailed update to the Board on the occupancy permit status and School Construction Grant funding. A program statement for the CBD funds must be written and Huff believes La Harpe District may receive a refund on some of the money that has been spent on construction.

Policy: A policy meeting will be scheduled to review PRESS Update Issue #77

Transportation: Huston, Spangler, Dr. Campbell and Clayton presented information from the Nov. 1, 2011 Joint Transportation committee meeting with Illini West and Dallas City. The request of the Illini West board to continue combined transportation for one more year was brought before the board. The board discussed the request along with other information from the joint meeting. The board's consensus was to continue with the action initiated in April to discontinue transportation for Illini West. The main benefits for separation are decreased student ride time and maintaining each district's control over their school day. The board agreed that the projected financial increase for separated busing does not appear to be significant, and that the positive reasons for the separated busing should be communicated to the public to help assuage any negative public perception. Dr. Campbell mentioned transportation should not be a main factor in IW's building referendum passing. The main things that would affect the high school's referendum would be location of the building and how the project will affect the high school's tax levy.

The board also considered bus leases for the 2013-15 school years, which they will take action on in December.

Negotiations: Members will be appointed to this committee as negotiations meetings will soon begin.

Board Members: Dr. Campbell updated the board on the OMA training requirement for board members. More information should be available in January.

Superintendent Campbell's Report: In recognition of School Board Members Day, Supt. Campbell extended appreciation to the Board, a group photo was taken, and a meal invitation was extended.

On Nov. 2, Dr. Campbell traveled with 6 superintendents to attend the School District Reorganization Hearing in Moline regarding the Lt. Governor's commission Classrooms First. Once the hearings have been completed, the committee will be putting together recommendations in the spring.

An ROE meeting topic was of legislation passed to fund regional superintendent and assistant superintendent salaries and funding for programs at about 50% of that of the previous year using CPPRT (Corporate personal Property Replacement Tax) for the first year. The legislation included another commission to study the ROEs. ROE 26 is one of the best examples of an efficiently run ROE with programs such as the Video, Purchasing, Special Ed, and Health Insurance Cooperatives. Regional Superintendents and their assistants will finally be paid in December.

Principal McKeown's report was read and an item was noted with regard to a new committee which must meet prior to Dec. 1 as a result of the Ed Reform Act. An Open House will be combined with one of the Christmas Programs.

Business Items:

FY2013 Preliminary Tax Levy: A motion was made by Irish with second by Butler to accept the FY2013 Preliminary Tax Levy as amended (Scenario C with reductions to Tort Immunity rather than other funds). Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Annual Review of District Risk Management Plan: A motion was made by Spangler with second by Campbell to approve the District Risk Management Plan as presented. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Staff Christmas Gift: A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to purchase a Christmas Gift (turkey or ham) from R&D Foods for all district employees for the school year 2012. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Property Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance Bids: A motion was made by Butler with second by Wear to not withdraw from PSIC (Prairie State Insurance Cooperative) for the school year 2013. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

IASB Resolutions: No action necessary.

First Reading of Policy Updates, PRESS Issue #77: A motion was made by Irish with second by Butler to approve the first reading of policy updates; PRESS Issue #77 as presented. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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

No Closed Meeting.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Huston to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. The voice vote response indicated all were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary