

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a rescheduled meeting November 23, 2009 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Pres. Cindy Wear, Rex Huston, Pam Campbell, and Darren Spangler, Mark Irish and Deanna Stambaugh. V.P. Dan Horton was absent.

Also present were Supt. Jo Campbell, Prin. Lila McKeown, and Jeanne Clayton.

A motion was made by Stambaugh with second by Wear to approve the minutes from the open and closed sessions of October 20, 2009 regular meeting of LCSD #347 as presented. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Horton, absent; Irish, yes; Huston, yes; Campbell, yes; Spangler, yes; Stambaugh, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Supt. Campbell gave the Financial Report and presented the district bills.

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

Public Presentations: none

Board Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee: Irish provided information received from Gary Housewright during the walkthrough of the 1928 building including steps to take toward the demolition of the building. The basic order must be as follows: asbestos and lead surveyed then abated, involving the architect and communicating with the community in developing a demo plan, then bidding and contracting the demolition. Many facets of the project were discussed, but the general consensus was that the longer the building stands, the more a liability it would become and its proximity to school district activity prohibits to selling it or allowing it to deteriorate.

No other committee reports given.

The Superintendent's Report was given including a information from the annual conference, updates from the state, and a request to pursue the one cent county sales tax currently in place in other counties as an avenue of funding for building projects.

The Principal's Report was given.

Business Items:

FY2010 Tax Levy: The board deliberated over four scenarios and many alternative options presented by Supt. Campbell. The estimated tax levy accepted by the board requires a tax levy hearing which was set for December 15 at 7:15 p.m. in the district library.

A motion was made by Campbell with second by Irish to accept the estimated tax levy presented in scenario 3 as presented. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes; Horton, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

District Risk Management Plan: A motion was made by Spangler with second by Campbell to approve the district Risk Management Plan as amended. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Spangler, yes, Huston, yes; Horton, absent; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Verbatim Closed Session Recordings: A motion was made by Stambaugh with second by Huston to approve the deletion of verbatim closed session recordings made at least 18 months prior to the regular November 2009 board meeting, per board policy 2:220. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Wear, yes; Spangler, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Campbell, yes; Irish, yes; Horton, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

District Policy Updates: no discussion

A motion was made by Huston with second by Stambaugh to enter into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific personnel, and discipline of specific students at 10:36 p.m. Roll Call: Horton, absent; Campbell, yes; Irish, yes; Huston, yes; Spangler, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Wear, yes;. Motion carried 6-0.

School Board Appreciation Dinner: The board enjoyed an appreciation dinner during closed session in honor of their support for the school district and the vital role they play as board members, committee members and officers on the La Harpe School Board.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Campbell to return to open session at 11:25p.m. The Voice Vote response was all ayes. Motion carried.

Resignations: none

Employment of Educational Support Personnel:

A motion was made by Huston with second by Wear to approve Holly Willdrick for the position of substitute paraprofessional and substitute office staff. Roll Call: Horton, absent; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Irish, yes; Campbell, yes; Huston, yes; Spangler, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Stambaugh to hire Matt Miller for the positions of substitute bus driver. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Huston, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Stambaugh, yes; Irish, yes; Horton, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Spangler with second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 p.m. The Voice Vote response was all ayes. Motion carried.

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President

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Secretary