

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting December 20, 2011 in the school district library. Vice President Rex Huston called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Nate Butler, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, and Darren Spangler. Pres. Cindy Wear and Pam Campbell were 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 Carpenter to approve the minutes of the open meetings of the November 15, 2011 regular meeting and the December 13, 2011 special meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as presented. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

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

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to approve the financial report and payment of bills as amended with the addition of checks #83045 and #83046. Roll Call: Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, absent; Butler, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Presentations: No presentations given.

*Board Committee Reports:*

*Facilities:* HLS Progress report from Project Manager, Steve Gross was viewed. The updated Project Finance Report was presented.

*Policy:* A policy meeting met Dec.13 to review PRESS Update Issue #77

*Transportation:* Dr. Campbell presented a copy of the communication on behalf of the La Harpe Board to Illini West regarding FY 2013 transportation.

*Negotiations:* Members will be appointed to this committee as negotiations meetings will soon begin. It is common practice for the president to sit on this committee. Dr. Campbell gave a synopsis of what the negotiating team does.

*Board Members:* Mark Irish presented a letter to the high school and elementary staff to publicly acknowledge the cooperative effort to enhance the transportation of the students.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Butler to adopt a resolution expressing appreciation to the transportation directors and administrators working with student transportation systems. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Campbell and Principal McKeown each gave a report to the board.

*Business Items:*

Adopt FY 2013 Tax Levy: A motion was made by Butler with second by Huston to adopt the FY 2013 Tax Levy as presented in Addendum #1. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, absent; Butler, yes; Campbell, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

FY 2013 Tax Levy Abatement: A motion was made by Irish with second by Butler to adopt the FY2013 Tax Levy Abatement as presented in Addendum #2. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, absent; Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Mandated Reporter Status/Training: A motion was made by Butler with second by Carpenter to recognize the receipt of district policy documents regarding Board Member Mandated Reporter Status/Training. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, absent; Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

School Bus Leases for FY 2013, 2014, & 2015: A motion was made by Spangler with second by Huston to approve school bus leases for FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 from Central States Bus Sales, Inc. as presented in Addendum #3. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Wear, absent; Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

First Reading of Policy Updates, PRESS Issue #77: A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to approve the second reading of policy updates; PRESS Issue #77 as presented. Roll Call: Wear, absent; Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Verbatim Closed Meeting Records: A motion was made by Butler with second by Carpenter 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, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Closed Meeting:**

**A motion was made by Butler with second by Huston to adjourn to closed meeting on December 20, 2011 at 9:51 p.m. to discuss items per ILCs 120/2(c) listed below:**

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

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

**Roll Call: Wear, absent; Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Vice President Huston called the closed meeting to order at 9:51p.m. Board members present: Nate Butler, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, and Darren Spangler. Also present: Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown, and Sec. Jeanne Clayton. Closed meeting discussion involved (1) Consideration of Recommendation for Part-time Custodial Position, and (10) Matters relating to several individual student issues.**

**A motion was made by Irish with second by Carpenter to return to open meeting at 9:57 p.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.**

Personnel:

Part Time Custodial Postion: A motion was made by Butler with second by Carpenter to employ Donna Grisham for the position of Part Time Evening Shift Custodian. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Spangler with second by Butler to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. The voice vote response indicated all were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary