

La Harpe Community School District #347
LA HARPE SCHOOL BOARD News Release

On July 16, 2019 the La Harpe School Board held a Committee of the Whole to review policy updates prior to their regular meeting. Mark Cox of the Journal Pilot was visiting. Dr. Lee led the Committee through each of the updates proposed by the Illinois Association of School Boards PRESS Policy Service. The Committee considered wording choices and heard changes in law which warrant the policy updates. Additional Policies were updated where an administrator's name is designated as a complaint manager or other point person. Policy updates are officially approved by Board vote in a regular open meeting, then they are sent to PRESS Policy Service and an updated district policy manual will be received for the offices and posted on the district website at laharpeeagles.org.

The board then held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room. Visitors were: Melissa Johnson, Erin Neff, and Mark Cox of the Journal Pilot. The Board approved Jason Finch as Athletic Director, discussed the individual performance of four specific employees and discussed an unfilled special ed position. The board considered recalling paraprofessionals once student numbers are known after registration. A paraprofessional negotiations update was given and the semiannual review of closed minutes was held. The board approved the consent agenda, bills, and reviewed a Code of Conduct item. The board approved policy updates including a new social media policy and the wellness plan. The internet use policy will be aligned with the staff handbook and brought back for approval at a later meeting. The integrated Pest Management Plan was reviewed, audit services approved, and the student and staff handbooks were approved. The FY2020 Budget Hearing was scheduled; and a preschool expulsion policy (required for the grant) was approved.

Superintendent Lee reported that the Preschool grant has been approved. Dr. Lee gave a report on summer maintenance items and State payments that are pending. The last two years the District has had to borrow in anticipation of tax payments, but that will not be needed this year.

Principal Ryner's report included information about the student handbook updates and where we stand with each of the Title grants and with the GearUp grant. Mrs Ryner is getting to know the staff and meeting with them about their classroom materials orders. Mrs Ryner's start date is July 22. Ryner also gave a report on the custodial work progress and a total balance of the Activity funds.

La Harpe School Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the District Office Conference Room. Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the website at laharpeeagles.org.