

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting February 19, 2013 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Nathan Butler, Pam Campbell, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, Darren Spangler, and Cindy Wear. Willo Carpenter was not in attendance.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Supt. Jo Campbell and Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton were in attendance. President Wear welcomed Janet McKoon, Carrie Faul, Kathy Kendall and Ryan Hopper.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Huston to approve the minutes of the open and closed meetings of the January 15, 2013 regular meeting and the February 5, 2013 special meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as presented. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Principal McKeown arrived at 7:06 p.m.

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

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

Public Presentations:

Physical Education Teacher Ryan Hopper introduced himself to the Board and presented an overview of the many activities he uses in teaching P.E. Hopper emphasizes active participation and improving individual fitness. Hopper uses warm ups as well as pre and post activity assessments with each sport skill and fitness skill practiced, and includes many team building activities. Hopper utilizes unit tests with study guides and has a fitness day each Thursday emphasizing performance improvement. Hopper explained his use of fitness stations and how he alters the activities for grade level appropriateness.

The Board then heard from Special Education Teacher Janet McKoon, who is an advocate of inclusion. McKoon explained and gave numerous examples of how she works with regular classroom teachers to accommodate Special Education students so they may compete side by side with their peers. McKoon noted that a part of her job is to provide information sheets for all students with health issues for substitute teachers to use. McKoon explained how students are transitioned to a career path and how she continues communications with former students so she will know what is being presented at the high school level and beyond. Referring to preparing students for future success, McKoon stated, "You push them to do the most they can do because that's how life is."

Language Arts, Spelling, and RtI Teacher Carrie Faul created a PREZI presentation for the Board utilizing the Promethean Board. Faul showed the many facets of language arts instruction including grammar, writing, reading novels, drama, and speeches. Faul showed examples of reading strategies, types of poetry, books from the Lion's Club, writing examples, and how grammar is presented with T charts and videos. Faul also detailed speech and drama lessons she uses with RtI (Response to Intervention) students.

Board Committee Reports: None

Dr. Campbell's Superintendent's report included information about recent State "Take Over" and Lottery legislation, and IASA Leadership Week with superintendents and legislators, and an IASB Spring Dinner Meeting including a Board Candidate Briefing for individuals running in the April Election. Dr. Campbell highlighted sessions on unfunded mandates, transportation, General State Aid, and School Construction. Dr. Campbell also noted the recent audit completed by the ISBE.

Principal McKeown gave updates on the progress of each athletic team, the State Spelling Bee, quarterly PBIS celebrations, Jump Rope for Heart, Freshman Orientation, and random lunch seating to promote new social interactions. Universal Screening has been completed for Elementary and Junior High. McKeown gave a progress report on teacher evaluations, staff trainings, and administrative trainings completed, and a meeting to update the coop agreement language. The most recent Teachers Institute involved a presentation on Domestic Violence and an ISP presentation on Active Shooters. The Hancock Sheriff's office also attended the in-service, and trained after hours at La Harpe School. McKeown gave the Board information on the new ISAT scoring, 5 Essentials Survey, the Coop Athletic Agreement, and Teacher Mid-Year Reflections.

Business Items:

School District Policy Updates, PRESS Issue #80; Second Reading: A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to approve the second reading of District policy updates as presented. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

QNS Technology Upgrades Proposal: The Board discussed earmarking a portion of the Johnson Estate funds for technology upgrades necessary to keep up with Common Core Standards instruction and coming online testing. A motion was made by Irish with second by Wear to approve school district technology upgrades as presented in the QNS proposal. Roll Call: Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Planning for Phase II of School Construction Grant Program: The newest architect drawings show the removal of the Johnson Building, the Cafeteria/Kitchen, the Pre-K Building, the Administration Building, and the house at corner of D Street and Archer. The City Council has an ordinance drawn up to turn D Street between Archer and Main over to the school District. The new construction on D Street will include classrooms for Pre-K, Title I, Art, Music/Band, a cafeteria, restrooms offices, and storage. Expense for a new bus garage is included in the total figure. Once construction begins, temporary facilities will be needed for un-housed students. The Board will advertise the March meeting to the public as a discussion of Phase II plans. The architect will be present and will have model, artist renderings, and a presentation for the community.

Inter fund Loan to Complete Construction Expenses: A motion was made by Butler with second by Huston to approve an inter fund loan from working cash to health life safety in the amount of \$97,014.93. Roll Call: Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Student Transportation for CSC Kids on Campus 2013: A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to provide academic program transportation for La Harpe CSD students enrolled in the summer CSC Kids on Campus program at Illini West. Roll Call: Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

FY 2014 School Calendar: A motion was made by Butler with second by Spangler to approve the FY 2014 preliminary calendar as presented. Roll Call: Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Closed Meeting:

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to adjourn to closed meeting on February 19, 2013 at 9:52 p.m. to discuss items per ILCS 120/2(c) listed below:

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

(10) Matters relating to individual students.

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

President Wear called the February 19, 2013 closed meeting to order at 9:52 p.m. Board members present: Nathan Butler, Pam Campbell, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, Darren Spangler, and Cindy Wear. Also present: Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown, and Sec. Jeanne Clayton.

Closed meeting included discussion of (1) Employment of School District Superintendent (1) Certified Staff Resignation, (1) Certified Staff Retirement Incentive Proposal (1) Classified Staff Resignation, (1) Classified Personnel Donation of Sick Days, and (10) No Discussion of Matters Related to Individual Students, (1) No Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation, (1) Certified Staff Issue

A motion was made by Butler with second by Wear to return to open meeting at 12:22 p.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.

Employment of School District Superintendent: A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to approve the School District Superintendent contract between La Harpe CSD #347 and Dr. Ryan Olson as presented. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Certified Staff Resignation, Certified Staff Issue, and Classified Personnel Donation of Sick Days: No Board action for these items.

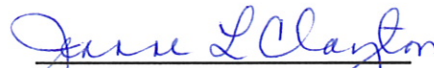
Classified Staff Resignation: A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to accept with regrets the letter of resignation submitted by Ms. Sharon Moore. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Evaluation: No Board action required for this item.

Certified Staff Retirement Incentive Proposal: A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to offer a retirement incentive bonus payment to Ms. Kathy Kendall contingent upon receipt of letter of resignation. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m. The voice vote response returned all in favor. None opposed. The meeting adjourned.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved 3-19-13