

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting March 19, 2013 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:04 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. Supt. Jo Campbell, Prin. Lila McKeown, and Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton were in attendance.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

President Wear welcomed Bob Huff, Joe Petty, Gary Hinkle and members of the City Council and community who were present.

#### Public Presentations:

Architects Bob Huff and Joe Petty, and Gary Hinkle of JH Petty & Associates presented the possible Phase II building project plans pending funding from the Capitol Development Board program. The architects showed a digital animation of the planned changes to the property with the end goal of having all the students housed under one roof. The architects gave an overview of the possible budget for the new addition and noted that La Harpe District's portion has been met with the completion of the Phase I Health Life Safety reconstruction of the 1958 portion of the main building. CDB grant funds should cover the majority of the Phase II project.

Mayor Brown, the City Engineer, several members of the public and the Press attended the presentation and asked several good questions. The City has taken action to vacate D Street from Main to Archer upon which the majority of the construction would eventually occur. The Phase II article and animation will be made available to view on the laharpeeagles.org website.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to approve the minutes of the open and closed meetings of the February 19, 2013 regular 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.

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

A motion was made by Campbell 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.

#### Board Committee Reports:

Facilities: Irish mentioned that the 48 count fiber optic cable which is 30 inches below the surface in D Street from Archer to Main needs relocated. The City has taken action to vacate D Street, so the District would fund the relocation. La Harpe Telephone Company has contracted to relocate the cable at the "Y" and the same contractor could do the District cable relocation at the same time for \$9000, which would save \$4000-\$6000 compared to doing the District project alone. Action to authorize it would be needed at the next meeting.

Dr. Campbell's Superintendent's report included information about new legislative bills that have been introduced such as a lottery scratch off for school choice, legislation requiring a complete report every time a player is injured on the field, and a bill to allow the State to dissolve and take over Districts with fewer than 750 students. The IASB will be watching these as they progress through the State government. Dr. Campbell reviewed his coming administrative meetings and

encouraged the Board to watch online the excellent presentations on school issues by Dr. John Draper and Ralph Matire.

Principal McKeown gave updates on the progress of each athletic team, dates of recent snow days, the completion of ISAT testing, Preschool and Kindergarten screening, and Title I Reading Night. McKeown expressed gratitude to the Lions Club for their effort to encourage reading by giving each student a book and coming to the school to read to them. McKeown reported on new teacher mentoring activities and recent trainings and evaluations. McKeown mentioned that Coach Ryan Hopper was chosen Illinois Basketball Coaches Association District #16 Co-Coach of the Year. Hopper will be honored at a banquet on April 27 at Illinois State University.

#### Business Items:

Planning for Phase II of School Construction Grant Program: no action at this time

REAP Technology Upgrades Proposal: A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to approve the REAP considerations 2012 Option 1. 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 the QNS proposal to install 9 hot point locations which would provide complete coverage for the main building. This quote does not include a converter which may be necessary in the future.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Campbell to approve school district technology upgrades as presented. Roll Call: Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

School District Policy Updates, First Reading: The Policy Committee will meet to review the student grade level assignment procedure at the next review of a PRESS Issue. A motion was made by Campbell with second by Butler to approve the first reading of policy regarding student grade level assignment. Roll Call: Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Athletic Coop Agreement: A motion was made by Butler with second by Wear to approve the Coop Athletic Agreement with Dallas ESD #327 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 March 19, 2013 at 10:22 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 March 19, 2013 closed meeting to order at 10:22 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) Non-Renewal of Certified Personnel (1) Athletic Coop Track Coach Employment, (1) Classified Personnel Resignations, (1) Substitute Education Support Personnel Applications, (1) Education Support Personnel Retirement Bonus (10) Discussion of Matters Related to Individual Students, (1) Superintendent Evaluation, and (1) Staffing for FY2014.**

**A motion was made by Butler with second by Huston to return to open meeting at 11:30 p.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.**

Non-Renewal of Certified Personnel: A motion was made by Huston with second by Irish to approve the School Resolution of Non-Reemployment for certified personnel as presented. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Athletic Coop Track Coach Employment: A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to approve employment of Mr. Ryan Hopper for the position of Athletic Coop Track Coach for the school year 2013, pending recommendation of employment by Dallas ESD 327 AT THEIR March 21, 2013 Board Meeting. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Certified Personnel Resignations: A motion was made by Butler with second by Wear to accept with regrets the letters of resignation submitted by Mr. Todd Porter, Ms. Kathy Kendall, and Ms. Sherry Beals. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Substitute Educational Support Personnel Applications: A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to approve the Educational Support Personnel application submitted by Christina Geissler. 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 Irish to approve the Educational Support Personnel application submitted by Kenneth Finley. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Educational Support Personnel Retirement Bonus: A motion was made by Butler with second by Huston to approve the retirement bonus for Ms. Sharon Moore in the amount of \$400. 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 Spangler to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 p.m. The voice vote response returned all in favor. None opposed. The meeting adjourned.

Signed by Cindy Wear  
Board President

Signed by Jeanne Clayton  
Board Secretary

Approved 4-30-13