

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting July 17, 2012 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Nate Butler, Pam Campbell, Mark Irish, and Darren Spangler, and Cindy Wear. Willo Carpenter and Rex Huston were absent. Supt. Jo Campbell, Principal Lila McKeown and Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton were in attendance.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the open and closed meetings of the June 19, 2012 regular meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as presented. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. 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 083418, 083426, and 083427. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Presentations: No presentations given.

*Board Committee Reports:*

Facilities: The Board discussed the project Finance update, FY12 School Maintenance Grant Project Updates including bids for HVAC controls for the south wing, and obtaining another bid for the Johnson Building overhead door.

A gym floor logo committee will be formed. The logo should be appropriate to use on a number of school applications and could perhaps be set to paint on the gym floor during Christmas break.

The Board discussed the dispersion of bricks and flooring from the projects to the community members desiring them. They also planned contact the Historic Society to coordinate opening the 1928 building time capsule at Summerfest.

Policy: The committee met and brought a recommendation for updates to the board.

Negotiations: The Board committee has been negotiating with the LEA and has brought an update for closed meeting.

Dr. Campbell shared information new legislation, Senator Sullivan's presentation at a Western Region Roundtable, the Pension Cost Shift of the State's share of TRS to local school districts over the next 5 to 15 years. Dr. Campbell spoke of the training with new evaluation systems and the related glitches with the online training system. IASA will hold the annual board of directors meeting in Nashville, TN. Dr. Campbell mentioned a superintendents meeting, board meeting at Dallas, and coming Teacher's Institutes.

Dr. Campbell outlined the many ways to conduct a superintendent search, and organizations like the IASB and ROE which can assist in the search. Dr. Campbell listed the types of items included in the District brochure, and guidance as to what questions to and not to ask. A search committee will need to be formed, which will bring recommendations to the board.

Prin. McKeown indicated the Preschool Grant has been reduced, to the point which District funds must be used for all Pre-K supplies and a portion of Pre-K teaching salaries. McKeown has completed some of the phases of evaluation training and provided an overview of the Ed Reform changes for the Board as well as the teaching model upon which the new evaluation

processes are based. Teacher evaluation categories must be changed by September 1, 2012. Teachers and Paraprofessionals have received training on Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports which will begin to be implemented at La Harpe schools this coming year. Mrs. McKeown and the Board discussed ways to increase the Board's connection and communicate their expectations to the teachers, providing regular times for teachers to share ways they are growing professionally.

#### Business Items:

Student Fees: A technology fee may need to be added in coming years.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Wear to maintain the current student fees for FY 13. Roll Call: Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Lunch Fees: A motion was made by Irish with second by Wear to approve the lunch prices for FY 13 as presented in Addendum 2. Roll Call: Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Date and Time for Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Hearing: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Butler to conduct the FY 2013 Budget Hearing on September 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the School Library. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

District Internet Use Policy: A motion was made by Butler with second by Spangler to recess approve the District Internet Use Policy as presented. Roll Call: Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

District Wellness Policy: A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to approve the District Wellness Policy as presented. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Update Student Handbook for FY 2013, Second Reading: A motion was made by Spangler with second by Butler to approve the second reading of the FY 2013 Student Handbook as presented. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Update Faculty Handbook for FY 2013, Second Reading: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Campbell to approve the second reading of the FY 2013 Faculty Handbook as presented. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent; Irish, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Trade and Purchase of School Van: A motion was made by Butler with second by Spangler to approve the purchase of a school van per the proposal submitted by K&C Enterprises as presented in Addendum 1 and authorize payment. Roll Call: Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Second Reading of Policy Updates –PRESS Issue #79: A motion was made by Wear with second by Irish to approve the second reading of district policy updates found in the IASB PRESS Issue #79 as presented. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

The Board walked through the building and observed progress on the gym floor work.

**Closed Meeting:**

**A motion was made by Irish with second by Butler to adjourn to closed meeting on July 17, 2012 at 10:07 p.m. to discuss items per ILCS 120/2(c) listed below:**

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

**(2) Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, and**

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

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

**President Wear called the July 17, 2012 closed meeting to order at 10:07 p.m. Board members present: Nate Butler, Pam Campbell, Mark Irish, and Darren Spangler, Cindy Wear. Also present: Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown, and Sec. Jeanne Clayton.**

**Closed meeting included discussion of (1) Employment of Certified Staff for FY 2013, (2) LEA Negotiations, and (1) (2) Superintendent Search (21) Closed Meeting Minutes**

**A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to return to open meeting at 11:02 p.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.**

Semi Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Spangler that the closed meeting minutes reviewed for the past six months remain sealed. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Employment of Certified Staff for FY 2013: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Irish to employ Kirsten Juarez for the position of Elementary School Teacher for FY 2013. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, absent; Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 p.m. The voice vote response returned all in favor. None opposed. The meeting adjourned.

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signed by Cindy Wear  
Board President

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signed by Jeanne Clayton  
Board Secretary

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ August 21, 2012