

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting September 18, 2012 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Nate Butler, Pam Campbell, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, Mark Irish, Darren Spangler, and Cindy Wear. Supt. Jo Campbell, Principal Lila McKeown and Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton were in attendance. President Wear welcomed guests: Chris and Krissy Altgilbers, Melissa Johnson, Cindy Pollock, Amanda Blythe, Rick and Rhonda Adcock, Amanda Bratz, Angela Pollock, Katlyn Pollock, Hailey Blythe, Patti Ferguson, Greg Blythe, Terry Ferguson, Charity Allaman, and Kellie Allaman.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Irish to approve the minutes of the open and closed meetings of the August 21, 2012 regular meeting and the August 24, 2012 open meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as presented. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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

A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Spangler to approve the financial report and payment of bills as presented. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Presentations:

Amanda Blythe who has a daughter on the 7th grade girls' basketball team read prepared remarks. The content included her hope that an assistant coach is hired soon. Blythe showed support for Krissy and Chris Altgilbers coaching together.

Cindy Pollock gave a presentation on the Response to Intervention program which she directs and explained the programs structure at La Harpe. Pollock gave a handout showing the prior year overall report for the 3rd grade class and explained the different seasons of assessment and how she works with the Title I staff, classroom teachers, and students.

Melissa Johnson used the Promethean board to show a pictorial and video presentation of a typical day in her Kindergarten classroom. Johnson showed the Kindergarteners involved in art, music, PE, learning centers, and a variety of other activities.

Rhonda Adcock recounted to the Board some details from the last few days of her employment as assistant head cook. Since her last day at work on August 23rd, Adcock explained that she had retaken the test for sanitation certification and had received word that she had passed with 91%. Adcock told the board that she had not been told a specific timeline in which she had to pass the test and that she wants the assistant head cook job back.

Chris Altgilbers, husband of the 7th8th grade girls' basketball coach, indicated he was speaking to the Board for his wife and himself. Altgilbers told the Board that his wife and his agenda is to get the girls to understand basketball, to be better people and good citizens, and included (regarding his helping Krissy Altgilbers and Dave Clover coach the team that his wife and he felt that 6 eyes were better than 4. Altgilbers told the Board that if they have questions, they were welcome to call and ask.

President Wear thanked all those who made presentations to the Board.

At 7:30 p.m., the majority of the audience left the meeting with exception of the Adcocks who left at 7:42. Johnson and Pollock stayed through Board Committee and other reports, and Bratz remained until action was taken to go to closed meeting.

Board Committee Reports:

Facilities: The Board discussed a continued maintenance program for the new gym floor, painting the Johnson Building, and raising the downspouts along the main building north wall for better drainage. Drainage along the east side of the Johnson Building was discussed as well as pouring sidewalk from the cafeteria to connect with the existing walk and including a short section connecting to Archer.

Dr. Campbell notified the Board of Huff Architectural's transition to close down the firm completing current projects and to roll over their clients to J.H. Petty Architects in Springfield. Petty has 10 years of working with schools, and Bob Huff plans to coordinate with Petty working with Districts on their contracts. Huff has some references which Dr. Campbell will check.

Sec. Clayton mentioned that Board election packets may be picked up at the Central Office beginning September 25.

Dr. Campbell's Superintendent's report included information on the Western Division Fall Dinner Meeting in Macomb, completion of the Annual Audit, and an upcoming IASA Board of Directors Meeting in Springfield.

Dr. Campbell presented the Administrative & Teacher Salary & Benefits Report for 2011-2012 for the Board's review.

Dr. Campbell explained a possible plan for the reduction of area Regional Offices of Education, and the planned reallocation of CPPRT funds from county boards and school districts to pay ROEs. Campbell and the Board discussed the requested distribution of Illini West Steering Committee Flyers to La Harpe students' parents and guardians and to La Harpe school staff. The Board discussed the need to add a disclaimer so that the community would understand that the La Harpe Board does not take a political position on the Illini West referendum question, but does support voter education.

Business Items:

FY 2013 Budget Hearing: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Butler to recess the open meeting and call the FY 2013 Budget Hearing to order. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Campbell led the Board through the details of the Budget pointing out the minor changes from the preliminary budget. The audited figures from FY 2012 have been inserted. Dr. Campbell reviewed tax, State, and Johnson estate revenues. A deficit in the Ed Fund is due to reductions in General State Aid over the past 2 years, reductions in grant funding, and the additional teaching personnel hired. Dr. Campbell mentioned he would be looking at the budget monthly with the bookkeeper in order to keep a close watch on figures as the fiscal year progresses.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to adjourn the Budget Hearing and return to open meeting. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

FY 2013 Budget: A motion was made by Butler with second by Carpenter to approve the FY 2013 Budget as presented. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Search Procedure: This item is on the Dallas City Board agenda for September also. The Dallas City and La Harpe search committees met with Tom Leahy of Illinois Association

of School Boards. Members Butler, Irish Wear, and Huston serve on the superintendent search committee. IASB offers superintendent search help to school boards. The fee would be equally shared by La Harpe and Dallas districts.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Huston to retain the IASB Executive Search Services to assist with the school district superintendent search process. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Verbatim Closed Meeting Records: A motion was made by Spangler with second by Butler 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, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Prin. McKeown reported on the completion of a successful junior high baseball season, suggesting that we may need to consider including 6th grade next year due to lower numbers this year. McKeown indicated that girls' basketball season has begun, a number of 5th graders this year have an interest in band, and K-8 Universal Screening has been completed. Members of the newly elected Student Council are: Wyatt Johnson, Luel Palmer, Destiny Shumaker, Sam Todd, Jackson Porter, Annie Sholl, Austin Torrence, Brady Adkisson, Maddie Finch, Jagar Finley, Chris Howard, and Katlyn Pollock. Dallas Neff gave a Constitution/Citizenship presentation to the 7th grade, students in Kitch's art classes are working on logo ideas for the new school logo, a copy of District Goals has been prominently placed in each classroom. Many comments were received about the positive school atmosphere at the well-attended Open House.

Closed Meeting:

A motion was made by Butler with second by Irish to adjourn to closed meeting on September 18, 2012 at 9:49 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, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

President Wear called the September 18, 2012 closed meeting to order at 9:49 p.m. Board members present: Nate Butler, Pam Campbell, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, 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) Letters of resignation from Superintendent Jo Campbell to be effective at the close of the day June 30, 2013 (1) Letter of resignation from David Clover for the position of assistant coach for 7th8th Girls' basketball, (1) Classified Personnel Employment – Assistant Head Cook position, (1) Certified Personnel Employment for FY 2013 – Prekindergarten Teacher (1)Application for Classified Substitute Employment, (1) Classified Salary Schedule for FY 2013, (1) Notice To Remedy (2) LEA Negotiations, and (10)Matters Related to Individual Students.

A motion was made by Butler with second by Carpenter to return to open meeting at 12:49 a.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.

Letters of Resignation

A motion was made by Irish with second by Butler to accept with regrets the letter of resignation submitted by Superintendent Campbell. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Campbell with second by Butler to accept with regrets the letter of resignation submitted by David Clover. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Classified Personnel Employment for FY 2013 –Assistant Head Cook: No action on this item

Certified Personnel Employment for FY 2013 –Prekindergarten Teacher

A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to employ Tori Savage for the position of Prekindergarten Teacher. Roll Call: Butler, yes; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 7-0

Application for Substitute Employment: Discussion item. No action

Classified Personnel Salary Schedule for FY 2013: No action, awaiting final LEA contract.

LEA Contract: No action. Contract not finalized.

Notice To Remedy: Discussion item. No action

A motion was made by Butler with second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 a.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 10-16-2012