

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting October 16, 2012 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Pam Campbell, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, and Cindy Wear. Nate Butler, Mark Irish, and Darren Spangler were not in attendance. Supt. Jo Campbell, Principal Lila McKeown and Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton were in attendance. President Wear welcomed guests: Illini West Board President Tracey Anders, Superintendent Kim Schilson, and La Harpe Science Teacher Chris Schwarz.

Public Presentations: Superintendent Kim Schilson addressed the Board with handouts and a presentation explaining the Illini West High School building referendum and answering any questions about it.

Science teacher Chris Schwarz presented an example of the lessons he is using in Junior High science class to creatively engage the students in learning. Schwarz demonstrated to the Board how he taught the metric system and reinforced it with activities in a Mini-Metric Olympics lesson. Schwarz also praised Principal McKeown's positive influence and support in his first years of teaching. Schwarz expressed his love of teaching the La Harpe students as being worth the 40 miles he drives from his home each day.

President Wear thanked each presenter. Schilson and Schwarz each left the meeting at the completion of their presentation.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the open and closed meetings of the September 18, 2012 regular meeting and the September 24, 2012 special meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as presented. Roll Call: Butler, absent; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Supt. Campbell gave the financial report and presented district bills. Check #83612 was deleted, and checks #83645 and #83646 were added.

A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Huston to approve the financial report and payment of bills as amended. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Committee Reports:

Facilities: Bob Huff met with Dr. Campbell, Don Little about the final completion of Phase 1 projects and the HVAC School Maintenance Grant project with Johnson Controls. Don Little is working on reinstalling playground equipment, the new section of sidewalk from cafeteria to Main Street is completed, and guttering is being replaced to redirect water away from the east side of the Johnson Building.

Policy: The next PRESS Policy Issue has arrived and the committee will meet to review it and other policy such as student grade level assignment.

Athletics: As the Athletic Coop Agreement renewal nears, the board discussed the need for the athletic committees to meet to discuss changes that may need to be addressed to reflect lower student participation numbers. Playing up was also discussed.

Dr. Campbell's Superintendent's report included information on the Fall Dinner meeting in Macomb regarding Core Curriculum. Dr. Campbell also discussed State Pension Shifting and Ed

Reform, a recent Administrative Roundtable with senators and representatives from the State, and mentioned a Western Region Meeting in Bushnell, including a session on Common Core Standards in Language Arts that Dr. Campbell will be moderating.

Prin. McKeown gave updates on the progress of each athletic team, the start of an elementary Reading Club, the 5th grade trip to the Safety Fair, Miles of Smiles dental services, and the activities and drills of Fire Prevention Day. McKeown noted that our local firemen do an excellent job with the fire prevention activities, and mentioned we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals serving our community.

McKeown spoke of Bus Safety activities, first quarter PBIS celebration with a "community connection", and the upcoming Red Ribbon Week. Regarding professional development, new teachers have been trained on the *Nonviolent Crisis Intervention*® program, developed by the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), which teaches staff to respond effectively to the warning signs that someone is beginning to lose control, and teachers who have previously attended the training have a refresher course on the subject. Six teachers are set to attend the Illinois Technology Conference, and three will go to Common Core Standards Elementary Math workshops

Business Items:

FY 2013 Annual Financial Report: Dr. Campbell gave each member a copy of the audit and reviewed much of the content including the district's financial profile, the cooperating expense per student, and the per capita tuition charge. No action was necessary.

Annual Application for Recognition of Schools: A motion was made by Campbell with second by Wear to approve the submittal of the Annual Application of Recognition of Schools to the Regional Office of Education #26. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Staff Christmas Gift: A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Huston to approve purchase of an employee Christmas gift from R&D Foods in the amount of approximately \$30.00. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent; Campbell, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

FY 2013 Administrative Compensation Report: A motion was made by Huston with second by Carpenter to approve the district Administrative Compensation Report as presented. Roll Call: Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Closed Meeting:

A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Campbell to adjourn to closed meeting on October 16, 2012 at 9:05 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, absent; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

President Wear called the October 16, 2012 closed meeting to order at 9:05 p.m. Board members present: Pam Campbell, Willo Carpenter, Rex Huston, and Cindy Wear. Also present: Supt. Jo Campbell, Princ. Lila McKeown, and Sec. Jeanne Clayton.

Closed meeting included discussion of (1) Letter of resignation from Dr. Ruth Kelly, part-time school psychologist; (1) Classified Personnel Employment – Assistant Head Cook position, Coaching applications for Junior High Girls' Basketball Assistant, Junior High Boys' Basketball Head and Assistant, and 5th/6th Grade Boys' Basketball Head and Assistant; (1) Discussion of matters regarding specific certified and classified personnel; (2) Classified Staff Salary Schedule for FY 2013 (2) LEA Contract for FY13-15, and (10)Matters Related to Individual Students.

A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Wear to return to open meeting at 10:42 p.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.

Letters of Resignation

A motion was made by Campbell with second by Huston to accept with regrets the letter of resignation submitted by Dr. Ruth Kelly. Roll Call: Butler, absent; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Classified Personnel Employment for FY 2013 –Assistant Head Cook:

A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Campbell to employ Amanda Palmer for the position of Assistant Head Cook. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Classified Personnel Employment for FY 2013 –Athletic Coop Coaches

A motion was made by Wear with second by Carpenter to employ Chris Altgilbers for the position of Girls' Jr. High Assistant Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, no; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent. Motion carried 3-1.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Campbell to employ Ryan Hopper for the position of Boys' Jr. High Basketball Head Coach and Matt Melvin for the position of Boys' Jr. High Basketball Assistant Coach. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Wear with second by Huston to approve the employment recommendation from Dallas ESD #327 for Chris Altgilbers as 5/6 Boys' Head Basketball Coach and Krissy Altgilbers as 5/6 Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes; Butler, absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Classified Personnel Salary Schedule for FY 2013:

A motion was made by Campbell with second by Wear to approve the Classified Staff Salary Schedule for FY 2013 as amended. Roll Call: Butler, absent; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 4-0

La Harpe Education Contract: A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Huston to approve the tentative contract agreement with the La Harpe Education Association as presented. Roll Call: Butler, absent; Campbell, yes; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, absent; Spangler, absent; Wear, yes. Motion carried 4-0

A motion was made by Campbell with second by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 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 _____ 11-20-2012 _____