

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting December 18, 2012 in the school district library. President Cindy Wear called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Willo Carpenter, Mark Irish, Darren Spangler, and Cindy Wear. Nate Butler and Pam Campbell were not in attendance. Rex Huston arrived 7:15 p.m. Supt. Jo Campbell, Principal Lila McKeown, and Board Sec. Jeanne Clayton were in attendance. President Wear welcomed guests: Jim and Cindy Jones, Laurena Hunter, Ron Covert, and Brett and Jackie Kelly.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the survivors of the recent tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Carpenter to approve the minutes of the open and closed meetings of the November 20, 2012 regular meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board as presented. Roll Call: Butler, absent; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, absent; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Supt. Campbell gave the financial report and presented district bills. Check #083757 was added to the bills to Johnson Controls in the amount of \$2687.00 for supplies for the HVAC controls for the '97 addition from the school maintenance grant.

A motion was made by Carpenter with second by Spangler to approve the financial report and payment of bills as amended. Roll Call: Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Presentations:

Cindy Jones spoke for herself and for Laurena Hunter thanking the Board for individual responses to their emails regarding their lack of subbing concerns. They look forward to hearing from the Board.

Board Committee Reports:

Facilities: The Board reviewed the current construction funding update. The Board discussed several changes to the Phase 2 plans some of which are safety-related. The architects will be working on revisions as well as Phase 2 models for the Board to view.

Policy: The next PRESS Policy Issue has arrived and the committee will meet to review it in January in addition to other policies requested for review.

Technology: The committee met December 5 with Quality Network Solutions to determine whether the company's services may benefit La Harpe School in the management of information technology.

Dr. Campbell's Superintendent's report included information about a joint search committee meeting with Tom Leahy at 7:00 p.m. on December 19 at the Dallas conference room to review the list of candidates and set up interviews. Dr. Campbell spoke of a November 29 PSIC meeting at which superintendents were told to anticipate more safety visits from IDOT and the Dept. of Health so the State can benefit from fines. At the health insurance company full board meeting, companies are carefully watching the Affordable Care Act for significant changes coming. Dr.

Campbell provided a handout summarizing the very informative presentation given by Diane Ravitch at the second general session of the Ill Conference.

Prin. McKeown gave updates on the progress of each athletic team, Christmas activities at the school, and the recent Health Life Safety compliance visit. McKeown also spoke of the Illinois Technology Conference attended by 6 staff members. The Junior High Band performed in the La Harpe Christmas Parade, and 8th grade students took a reading test and toured the campus at Illini West. The school counselor, Mrs. Houston, has arranged pen pals between our 8th graders and Illini West freshmen. McKeown held a faculty meeting to discuss the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary including how to handle student questions and the safety measures that can be taken at school.

Business Items:

Resolution in Memory and Support of Sandy Hook Elementary Students: A letter will be sent to Sandy Hook Elementary from the La Harpe Board of Education.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Huston to extend sympathy and recognize the La Harpe School's support for the students and families of Sandy Hook Elementary School. Roll Call: Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, absent; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Tax Levy: A motion was made by Irish with second by Wear to adopt the FY 2014 Tax Levy as presented in Addendum #1. Roll Call: Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, absent; Campbell, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Tax Levy Abatement: A portion of the Johnson Estate funds will be used to abate taxes.

A motion was made by Huston with second by Spangler to approve the 2014 Tax Levy Abatement as presented in Addendum #2. Roll Call: Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, absent; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The Kellys left the meeting 7:48 p.m.

Superintendent Search: No action necessary at this time

School District Information Technology Service: Motion by Irish with second by Wear to approve the agreement with Quality Network Solutions to provide school district information technology management services as presented. Roll Call: Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, absent; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

All other community members left the meeting 8:12 p.m.

Closed Meeting:

A motion was made by Irish with second by Carpenter to adjourn to closed meeting on December 18, 2012 at 8:12 p.m. to discuss items per ILCS 120/2(c) listed below:

- (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees,**
- (2) Deliberations concerning salary schedules,**

(10) Matters relating to individual students.

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

President Wear called the December 18, 2012 closed meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. Board members present: Willo Carpenter, 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 (2) Classified Support Staff Salary Schedule, (1) Substitute Teacher Selection Procedure, (2) Update District Policy 5:330, (1) Athletic Coop Coaches, (1) Faculty Meeting, and (10) Matters Related to Individual Students.

A motion was made by Irish with second by Carpenter to return to open meeting at 10:43 p.m. Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.

Amend Support Staff Salary Schedule:

A motion was made by Irish with second by Huston to approve the amended Classified Support Personnel Salary Schedule as presented. Roll Call: Butler, absent; Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Update District Policy Number 5:330: A motion was made by Huston with second by Wear to waive the first reading and approve district policy 5:330 as amended. Roll Call: Campbell, absent; Carpenter, yes; Huston, yes; Irish, yes; Spangler, yes; Wear, yes; Butler, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Spangler 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 01-15-2013