

LA HARPE SCHOOL BOARD News Release – March 19, 2013

At the March 19, 2013 regular meeting of the La Harpe Board of Education, Architects Bob Huff and Joe Petty, and Gary Hinkle of JH Petty & Associates presented 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 is available to view on the laharpeeagles.org website.

Principal McKeown reported that the Lions Club worked with the school on a literacy project in which each student received their own book. Several Lion's Club members came to the school and read to students. Also La Harpe teacher Ryan Hopper received the Illinois Basketball Coaches, District #16 Co-Coach of the Year award and will be honored at ISU on April 27.

The Board approved minutes and bills, approved Christina Geissler as a substitute aide and Kenneth Finley as a driver candidate, accepted with regrets the letters of resignation submitted by Todd Porter, retirement letter submitted by Kathy Kendall, and retirement letter for Sherry Beals for FY 2017. The Board approved a resolution of non-reemployment for Tori Savage and a retirement bonus for Sharon Moore. The Board also approved Ryan Hopper as 2013 track coach. The Board approved the FY 2014 & FY 2015 Athletic Coop Agreement with Dallas ESD #327, the first reading of District policy updates, technology upgrades with QNS, and REAP grant technology purchases.

To view agendas, news releases and approved minutes, please visit the school board section of the La Harpe Eagles website at www.laharpeeagles.org.