

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting January 17, 2023 in the school library. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage and Walker. Allen was absent. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Ashley Johnson were also in attendance. Dean of Students, Ryan Hopper, was absent.

Visitors in attendance: Josh Gebhardt, Travis Hobby, Kathy Kendall & Pam Bundy.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: No public presentations were given.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Closed and Open Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Regular meeting the La Harpe C.S.D. #347 School Board, Financial Report, and Action to Delete Verbatim Closed Meeting Recordings 18 Months and Older.

Financial Report: The fund balances listed below reflect transactions through December 2022.

Fund	FY2023
Education	\$2,181,014.07
Building	\$131,584.40
Debt Service	\$98,454.21
Transportation	\$99,314.18
IMRF	\$84,100.04
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$180,297.56
Tort	\$176,693.96
HLS	\$214,643.20
Total	\$3,169,101.62

FY 2022	\$2,544,719.92
FY 2021	\$1,551,697.45
FY 2020	\$1,247,267.36
FY 2019	\$986,567.86

Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Walker to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Ashley Johnson, Josh Gebhardt, Travis Hobby, Kathy Kendall & Pam Bundy exited at 6:01 PM.

Closed Meeting:

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Walker to adjourn to Closed Session #1 at 6:01 PM to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) listed below:

(3) The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the OMA (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

President Detherage called the January 17, 2023 closed meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Allen was absent. Motion carried 5-0. Also present: Superintendent Janet Gladu.

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Walker to return to open meeting at 7:10PM. A voice vote confirmed all in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

Appoint New Board Member:

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Collins to appoint Josh Gebhardt as a member of the La Harpe School Board of Education. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Policy 2nd and Final Reading:

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Deitrich to accept the 2nd and final reading of the policy updates as presented. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

AED Plan/Policy:

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Walker to approve the AED Plan/Policy. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Updating Bank Resolutions:

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Collins to remove Erin Neff from all district financial accounts. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Blythe to approve the resolution adding Brittany Teesdale to all signatory accounts at Fortress Bank. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of the Proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar:

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Walker to approve the proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Perfect Attendance Stipend

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Detherage to approve the perfect attendance stipend for full-time and all regular route transportation (staff not covered under the LEA Contract; excluding the superintendent and dean of students in the amount of \$250 per semester). Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of using Grant for New Student Desks:

A motion was made Blythe by seconded by Deitrich to the quote from Warehouse Direct in the amount of \$26,930 for new student desks; utilizing grant monies approved for the district. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Disposition of District Property:

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Walker to approve the disposition of district property; selling the old computer tables for \$10 to the community, free for staff. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports to the Board:

Janet shared that the December Team Member of the month was Laura Jones. She also shared with the board that Evalynn Cupani and Gage Troutman were the spelling bee winners for elementary and junior high. Janet informed the board that we were awarded a tutoring grant in the amount of \$33,683. She shared that she has the following tutors: Cassie Bundy, Cindy Pollock, Jenn Hensley, Kass Duerre, Katie Todd, Darcie Palmer, Courtney Painter, Melissa Burt, Kristin Palmer, Janet Gladu, Ryan Hopper (admin of tutoring). She also let the board know that she has spoken to 2 different Solar Panel companies over the last 2 weeks. The board did a policy deep dive on 7 policies.

Closed Meeting:

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Collins to adjourn to Closed Session #2 at 8:36 PM to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) listed below:

(1) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

President Detherage called the January 17, 2023 closed meeting to order at 8:37 PM. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0. Also present: Superintendent Janet Gladu.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Deitrich to return to open meeting at 9:17 PM. A voice vote confirmed all in favor. None opposed. Motion carried 6-0.

Closed Meeting Items – Consideration and Action

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A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Deitrich to employee Rebecca Ring as a certified teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Deitrich to approve the closed session minutes from December 20, 2022. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Detherage to approve the semi-annual review of closed session minutes and to keep all minutes closed. Roll Call: Allen, absent; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Gebhardt, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Detherage seconded by Deitrich to adjourn the January 17, 2023 La Harpe Board Meeting at 9:19 PM. The voice vote response returned all in favor. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned.

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved 2-21-23

