

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting April 16,2024 in the school library. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Gebhardt, Walker, Detherage, absent Deitrich. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Assistant Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Cathy Jones

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Comment: None

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Approval of the regular minutes of April 16,2024.

Financial Report: The fund balances listed below reflect transactions through December 2024.

Fund	FY2024
Education	\$2,285,040.34
Building	\$500,954.60
Debt Service	\$104,744.32
Transportation	\$177,868.74
IMRF	\$81,384.41
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$150,250.42
Tort	\$183,676.12
Fire Prevention & Safety	<u>\$239,439.24</u>
Total	\$3,722,357.17

FY 2023	\$2,846,850.39
FY 2022	\$2,342,020.82
FY 2021	\$2,371,491.88
<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>\$1,575,763.87</u>

Payment of Bills

Closed session records – deletion of items 18 months and older.

Board Action: Motion was made by Collins seconded by Blythe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Allen, absent Deitrich.6-0.

Bond Referendum: Tim King sent Board of Education members documentation regarding bond referendum timelines. The Board has until August 2024 to determine if they want to have the bond referendum on November 2024 ballot. The board elected to wait closer to August to take official action.

Board Action: None required.

Debit Limit Exception: Tim King, financial advisor, shared documents with the Board of Education regarding a Debit Limit Exception. The board discussed if they wanted to ask legislation for a debt limit exception. The Board decided there was no need for a debt limit exception.

Board Action: None required.

Final School Calendar: Superintendent Gladu presented the amended 2023-2024 public calendar. The only change was the Emergency Days that were utilized.

Board Action: Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Allen to Approve the 2023-2024 Final School Calendar.

Roll call: yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

2024-2025 Student Fees: In past years student fees were \$70 per year, per student. The Board discussed current financial standing of the district, current grants being used and if there was a need to collect student fees this year. Board decided to waive student fees.

Board Action: Motion made by Blythe and seconded by Collins to set student fees for the 2024-2025 School year.

Roll Call: yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Lindke V Freed: Superintendent Gladu presented to the board US Supreme Court decision on Lindke v. Freed. This impacts the district's social media presence. The district will move to schoolwide Facebook account that is accessed by administration only. The current Facebook page would be deleted over the summer. The district would not use any other social media group besides the District's page. Comments and share will not be allowed.

Staff Handbook: Superintendent Gladu presented the draft 2024-2025 Staff Handbook. The updates to the handbook align with the policy changes.

Board Action: Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Detherage to approve the 2024-2025 Staff Handbook.

Roll Call: yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, absent Deitrich. 6-0

Student Handbook: Superintendent Gladu presented the draft 2024-2025 Student Handbook. The updates to the handbook align with the policy changes. The Board amended the field trip requirements and student council qualifications.

Board Action: Motion by Collins and seconded by Gebhardt to approve the 2024-2025 Student Handbook, as amended.

Roll Call: yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Fuel bids: Superintendent Gladu discussed that she would like permission to seek fuel bids for the upcoming school year.

Board Action: Motion by Allen and seconded by Blythe to approve the superintendent to seek fuel bids for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call: yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Architect RFQ : Superintendent Gladu presented the four architect companies that had submitted RFQ'S. The Board discussed all four companies and elected to choose three firms to move forward in process. The Board to have a special facilities meeting on Tuesday, May 21,2024 to discuss the three architect firms that were "short listed".

Board Action: Motion by Collins and seconded by Gebhardt to short list the following architect firms: Architechnics, Baysinger and Graham & Hyde.

Roll Call: yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

IESA Membership: Principal Hopper presented the annual renewal for IESA membership for the 2024-2025 school year.

Board Action: Motion by Blythe and seconded by Walker to renew district's membership with IESA for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

End-of-the-Year Potluck: Superintendent Gladu discussed the end-of-year staff potluck. Board discussed if they wanted to cook for the staff or cater the meal. The board elected to have Superintendent Gladu find a caterer for the meal. The meal will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024 for a breakfast. **No action required.**

Bus update: Principal Hopper presented the quote from Blue Line Pressure washing to wash our buses. The board discussed the quote and elected to have the district buses washed as needed, but at least monthly during months of high corrosive use (winter months).

Board Action: Motion by Detherage and seconded by Allen to wash Four buses and activity bus.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Bus barn: The board discussed possible solutions to house the buses to keep them protected from the weather. **No action required.**

Park District Remote: Principal Hopper presented to the board purchasing a second remote for the park district since one was damaged. The board discussed purchasing new remote.

Board Action: Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Walker to approve purchase of a score board remote for the park district.

Roll Call: yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Central Office Demolition: Michael is waiting on other bids to come in. **No action required.**

Asbestos Abatement: Michael is waiting for quotes on the Asbestos Abatement. **No action required**

Athletic Concessions: Superintendent Gladu presented to the board that Laura has been the only of the Sports Boosters for a few years and the only Adult that typically works concessions. She is not able to continue doing this. The board discussed having the parents rotate working it or athletic groups or organizations.

Activity Account: Concessions account. The board discussed combining the account with our activity (account that pays for athletic items). The board elected to wait on combining the accounts with the hope that parents will participate with Sports Boosters.

Staff Member of the year: Superintendent presented to the board that we do the same as last year which was giving them a bag of goodies and one free personal day. Will have chosen staff member of the year by next board meeting.

Trajectory Resolution: Kiesten came a few weeks ago and let us know they need a resolution to go along with the contract we signed. The resolution was identical to the lease that was passed in October 2023.

Board Action: Motion by Blythe and seconded by Walker to approve resolution 10-17-2023.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Full Compliance: Our next full compliance is scheduled for 2029. This is information only. Our compliance was 3.8 / 4.0 fully recognized. **No board action required.**

Policy Updates: Several policy updates this month. This is a first read only – no action needed. Normal minor language change and changes to align with statute.

Reports:

- Principal/Athletic Director- Summer Basketball camp, May 7th Award banquet, Elementary 2pm & J H 6:30pm. Attendance incentive was movies. Fund raiser we sold about \$4,000 Casey's cards.
- Superintendent- Employee of the month for March was Amy Simmons.

Board Action: Motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:43 pm to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(1). The appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District (5) land leases; and (14) closed session minutes. Rahn exited at 7:45pm.

Board Action: Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Blythe to adjourn to closed session.

Roll Call: yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Board Action: Detherage called the closed session to order at 7:50 on 16 April 2024.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Board Action: Moved by Detherage and seconded by Allen to return to open session at 8:17 pm (voice vote).

Action on closed session items:
Meeting called to order at 8:17 pm.

Board Action: Moved by Gebhardt seconded by Allen to approve the closed session minutes from 19 March 2024.

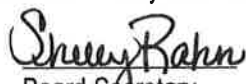
Roll Call: yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, absent Deitrich. 6-0.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. (voice vote).

Board Action: Moved by Detherage and seconded by Allen to adjourn the 16 April 2024 board meeting at 8:18 pm. (voice vote).

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for 21 May 2024 at 6:00 pm.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved May 21, 2024