

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting 17 September 2024 in the Board room. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Gebhardt, Detherage, absent Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Chad Burt, Cathy Jones, Isaac Rogers, Architects Jason Shimp and Jacques Reynolds.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: No public presentations.

Business Items:

The Approval of 20 August 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY2024</u>
Education	\$2,547,680.77
Building	\$432,732.08
Debt Service	\$236,509.61
Transportation	\$161,064.13
IMRF	\$107,394.68
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$170,178.03
Tort	\$131,721.66
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$258,370.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,045,651.05</b>
<b>Increase/Decrease from Prior Year</b>	<b>9.9% increase</b>

FY 2024	\$3,379,017.25
FY 2023	\$3,255,648.28
FY 2022	\$3,124,559.86
FY 2021	\$2,498,538.23
FY 2020	\$1,358,522.62

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Closed and Open Minutes of the 20 August 2024 Regular Board Meeting and Financial Report, Individual fund balances, payment of bills, and Closed Session Records- deletion of items 18 months and older, 2023-2024 Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefits Report, and 2024-2025 Administrative cost work sheet.

Approval of the Agenda as Presented: Motion made by Collins and seconded by Gebhardt to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call: yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins. Motion carried 6-0.

Kathi Rogers Memorial Presentation: The family of Kathi Rogers presented the district \$ 3,350 memorial check to be used in the library.

Approval of the Dedication of the La Harpe School District Library in memory of Kathi Rogers: Motion by Detherage and seconded by Gebhardt to name the La Harpe Community School District Library the Kathi Rogers Memorial Library. Roll Call: yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt. Motion carried 6-0.

FY 2024 Budget Hearing: Superintendent Gladu presented the 2024-2025 Budget. Superintendent Gladu presented the proposed revenue and expenditures. No Board Action Taken.

Approval of the FY 2025 Budget: Motion made by Collins and seconded by Blythe to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Allen. Motion carried 6-0.

Architechnics Preliminary Floor/Site Plan & early cost estimate of new cafeteria/multi-purpose room: Discussion on all options. We looked at Option A and Option B. Board decided no B and to get another option. No Board Action Required.

Architechnics Intent on Study on Utilizing HLS funds for new addition: Difficult to prove to ISBE to utilize the HLS funds in bringing the current building up to code. No Board Action needed.

Architechnics Design Schedule: Option C will be presented at the October board meeting. In November we will have working progress and timeline for April ballot. No Action Required.

Kitchen Items: The board discussed purchasing new kitchen equipment with current fund balances and moving the new equipment to the new cafeteria. The cafeteria ladies had a list of items they would like 8 burner Stove, sink, milk cooler and convection air fryer. Motion was made by Collins and seconded by Allen to approve the purchase of stove in the amount of \$12,092 from D&K Bennett, Inc. Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Policy Updates – 2<sup>nd</sup> read: Motion made by Blythe and seconded by Detherage to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of policy updates as presented. Roll Call: yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins.

Approval of the 2024-2025 Student Handbook Update: Motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Collins to approve the updated 2024-2025 Student Handbook. Roll Call: yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich. Motion carried 6-0.

CFST Discussion: This is a discussion in hopes to find ways to inform the public what the 1% sales tax is and what we can utilize funds for in our district. No Action required.

Facilities Walk- Through/Improvement Items/Timeline: The board discussed items in notes by from the facilities committee walk through. No action needed.

Approval of 2024-2025 Maintenance Grant: Motion made by Gebhardt and seconded by Blythe to approve the 2024-2025 Maintenance Grant for lobby restrooms remodel. Roll Call: yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Laptops for Non-Certified, Classroom support personnel: Motion made by Collins and seconded by Deitrich to approve the quote from Bluum in the amount of \$11,814.14 for 13 laptops. Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt. Motion carried 6-0.

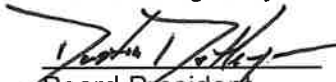
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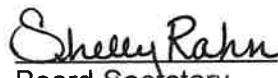
- Principal/Athletic Director/Transportation Director: We are doing word of the month and it is respect. And our students get rewarded. We also have a new reading culture our staff reading to children. Our science teacher Mrs. Simmons also started what are you reading? The kids seem to really like it. Baseball is winding down, starting regionals. We also had our first JHGB game.
- Superintendent: Presented to the board the team member of the month Carrie Finch. Window film is getting done and it will take 72 hours to dry and 30 days until it can be cleaned. Camera's are almost finished and they have great clarity. Hancock county has a new Emergency Manager.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. (voice vote).

A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Gebhardt to adjourn the 17 September 2024 board meeting at 7:28 pm. (voice).

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for 15 October 2024 at 6:00 pm.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved October 15, 2024