

The Board of Education of LaHarpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting on 18 February 2025 in the Board room. President Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage, Gebhardt and Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu, Board Secretary Liz McCarter, and Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitor in attendance was Chad Burt.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Comment: No public comments.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Open Meeting Minutes of the 21 January 2025 Regular Board Meeting of the LaHarpe CSD 347 School, and 29 January 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports, Individual Fund Balances, Payment of Bills, and action to delete the verbatim closed session meeting recordings that were 18 months and older.

Individual Fund Balances listed below reflect transactions through 31 January 2025:

Fund	FY 2025
Education	\$2,475,031.90
Building	\$239,882.43
Debt Services	\$108,637.22
Transportation	\$175,261.58
IMRF	\$93,449.79
Capital Projects	0
Working Cash	\$42,541.78
TORT Immunity	\$195,266.99
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$258,358.86
Total	\$3,588,430.55
Comparison Year	
FY 2024	\$3,848,258.27
FY 2023	\$3,109,572.87
FY 2022	\$2,765,047.59
FY 2021	\$2,515,500.31
FY 2020	\$1,348,661.07

A motion was made by Gebhardt with a second by Blythe to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: agenda, January 21, 2025 regular minutes, January 29, 2025 special meeting minutes, financial reports, individual fund balance reports, payment of bills, and the deletion of verbatim closed session recordings older than 18 months. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Science Olympiad. Amy Simmons presented to the board what the Science Olympiad team had accomplished at their competition on 15 February 2025. The Science Olympiad Team placed third in the

competition and qualified for state. Science Olympiad State will be held on 12 April 2025 at UIUC. Superintendent Gladu requested approval for overnight student travel for the students to attend the Science Olympiad State Competition. A motion was made by Blythe with a second by Allen to approve overnight student travel for the Science Olympiad Team to travel to UIUC for the state competition on 12 April 2025. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Public Hearing – District Holiday Waiver. A motion by Collins with a second by Gebhardt to enter the public hearing at 6:02 pm concerning the District Holiday Waiver. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Superintendent Gladu presented the Holiday Waiver for Abraham Lincoln's Birthday as well as Casimir Pulaski Day, thus allowing student attendance on these days. No public comment was given regarding the waiver.

A motion by Deitrich with a second by Blythe to exit the public hearing at 6:04 pm. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

District Holiday Waiver. Motion by Detherage and seconded by Allen to approve the School Holiday Waiver for Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski's Birthday to allow school attendance on these dates. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

2025-2026 Public School Calendar. Superintendent Gladu presented the 2025-2026 Public School Calendar. Motion by Collins and seconded by Walker to approve the 2025-2026 Public School Calendar. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Cafeteria Addition Flyer. Detherage presented the flyer that he and Gebhardt had created. The Board discussed minor changes to the flyer as well as distribution. Superintendent Gladu stated the flyers would be ready by the end of the week.

FOIA Requests 2024-2025. Superintendent Gladu presented the chart of FOIA requests the district has received so far in the 2024-2025 school year. The district has had 12 FOIA requests. Three requests have been denied, two were partially approved and seven have been approved. All FOIA requests were responded to within the allotted time.

Sports Boosters. Principal Hopper gave an update on Sports Boosters and concession stand.

Summer Projects. Superintendent Gladu presented potential summer projects that maintenance director Michael Siegfried would like to accomplish this summer.

Reports:

Principal/Athletic Director/Transportation Director reported on transportation updates. He talked about PTO activities, track starting, 7th grade Volleyball regionals, Volleyball 8th grade night, Mrs. Myers therapy dogs, Valentine's parties, library blind date with a book and Jump Rope for Heart.

Superintendent Gladu reported that the January Team member of the Month is Steve Ferneti, Kings Financial CFST brochure, and new Science and Social Studies Curriculum that will be purchased with grant funds.

Motion by Allen with a second by Detherage to adjourn to closed session at 7:08 pm to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; and (15) closed session minutes. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

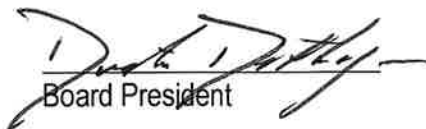
Motion by Deitrich with a second by Collins to return to open session at 8:04 pm. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by Deitrich with a second by Detherage to approve the closed session minutes from 21 January 2025 and 29 January 2025. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by Collins with a second by Walker to hire Kris McCarter as a cafeteria substitute. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by Gebhardt with a second by Detherage to hire Alisha Retter as a paraprofessional. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by Detherage with a second by Deitrich to adjourn the 18 February 2025 board meeting at 8:08 pm. Roll Call: Blythe – yes; Collins- yes; Deitrich – yes; Detherage – yes; Gebhardt – yes, Allen – yes; Walker – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.


Board President


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