

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting March 19,2024 in the school library. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by absent Allen, absent Blythe, Collins, Dietrich, Gebhardt, Walker and Detherage. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Assistant Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Carrie Finch, Julie Garrison, Ashley Cox, Randy Shumaker, Chad Burt, Melissa Burt and Terry Mutton.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Comment: Terry Mutton talked about trying to get donations from the community and business owners to help with shatterproof window glazing for our School.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Approval of the regular minutes of March 19,2024.

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

Fund	FY2024
Education	\$2,397,669.84
Building	\$493,273.09
Debt Service	\$104,744.32
Transportation	\$196,245.74
IMRF	\$93,237.00
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$150,250.42
Tort	\$183,676.12
<u>Fire Prevention & Safety</u>	<u>\$239,439.24</u>
Total	\$3,857,535.77

FY 2023	\$3,101,712.37
FY 2022	\$2,273,248.59
FY 2021	\$2,515,500.28
<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>\$2,253,801.99</u>

Payment of Bills

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

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

Roll Call: yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

Pre-k presentation: Carrie talked about the conference she attended and new educational items and about a magnet wall and a lego wall. No board action required.

Closed Session: Board Action:

Board Action: Motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:16 pm to discuss items per 5ILCS 120/2/(C)(1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; (and (14) closed session minutes.

Motion by: Gebhardt and seconded by Deitrich to adjourn to closed session.

Roll Call: absent Allen, absent Blythe, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich. 5-0.

Board Action: Detherage called the closed session to order at 6:18 pm on 19 March 2024. Board members present were Collins, Deitrich, Gebhardt, Walker and Detherage. Also present: Superintendent Janet Gladu and Assistant Principal Ryan Hopper.

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Gebhardt to return to open session at 7:50 pm. (voice vote).

Action on closed session items:

Moved by Detherage and seconded by Collins to approve the closed session minutes from 20 February 2024.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Walker to rehire:

As tenured certified staff members for the 2024-2025 School year.

- Ashlee Goettsche
- Jennifer Hensley
- Susan Pratt

As 3rd year, tenured certified staff members for the 2024-2025 School year.

- Melissa Burt
- Nichelle Pence
- Jadrien Vanfleet

As 2nd year, non-tenured certified staff members for the 2024-2025 School year.

- Joe Hincks
- Rebecca Huston
- Courtney Painter
- Peyton Porter
- Rebekah Russell
- Amy Simmons

As full-time, long-term substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 School year.

- Sharon Berlett
- Haley Dixon

Roll Call: yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Deitrich to hire Brittany Teesdale as head volleyball coach and Jackie Wibbell as assistant volleyball coach and assistant girls' basketball coach for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

Roll Call: yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, absent Allen, Absent Blythe. 5-0.

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Gebhardt to hire Shane Painter as head boys' basketball coach and Matt Miller as assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call: yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Gebhardt to extend Ryan Hopper's contract through 30 June 2029.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Deitrich to change Ryan Hopper's title from Assistant Principal to Principal effective 1 July 2024.

Roll Call: yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

A motion was made by Deitrich and seconded by Walker to increase Ryan Hopper's base salary to \$65,000 effective 1 July 2024.

Roll Call: yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Walker to authorize Superintendent Gladu to develop a tentative budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Roll Call: yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

A motion was made by Deitrich and seconded by Collins to sever ties with Engie.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

Kings Financial: Discussion only. Discussion on Bond Referendum language for November 2024 Election. Discussion on Referendum not needed due to new project.

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Walker to set our amended FY24 budget hearing for June 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Collins, absent Allen, absent Blythe. 5-0.

Reports to the Board:

- Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Ryan Hopper gave an update on bus mileage.
- Superintendent Gladu shared team member of the month for February was Susan Pratt.
- Superintendent Gladu shared ELA and Math curriculum adoption by April/May.
- Summer Project update we will get new pre-k playground all set up and move pre-k classroom.
- Windmill project/proposal- Discussion on the Johnson ground for this.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. (voice vote).

Board Action: Moved by Detherage and seconded by Collins to adjourn the 19 March 2024 board meeting at 8:56 pm. (voice vote).

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for 16 April 2024 at 6:00 pm.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved April 16, 2024