

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting February 21, 2023 in the school library. 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 and Dean of Students Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Kiersten Sheets, Jessica Wagner, John Meixner, Randy Shumaker, Alissa Tucker and Hannah Moss.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: Kiersten Sheets & Jessica Wagner gave their presentation for Trajectory Energy. John Meixner conducted a public hearing for the summer school meal opt out.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Approval of the Agenda, Approval of January 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports, Individual Fund Balances, Payment of Bills, Closed Session Records-Deletion of Items 18 Months and Older, Kenneth Dail's resignation and Ashley Johnson's resignation effective May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**Financial Report:** The fund balances listed below reflect transactions through January 2023.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
Education	\$2,136,173.41
Building	\$100,600.69
Debt Service	\$98,454.21
Transportation	\$126,740.10
IMRF	\$73,609.31
Capital Projects	0.00
Working Cash	\$180,297.56
Tort	\$179,054.39
HLS	\$214,643.20
Total	<u>\$3,109,572.87</u>

FY 2022 \$2,765,047.59

FY 2021 \$2,515,500.31

FY 2020 \$1,348,661.07

FY 2019 \$1,150,705.23

A motion was made by Blythe with second by Collins to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing-Summer School Meal Opt Out:

John Meixner (regional superintendent) conducted a public hearing for this.

Trajectory Community Solar Farm:

Kiersten Sheets & Jessica Wagner gave their presentation for Trajectory Energy.

Public Hearing: ARP/CARES/ESSER III Grant Rewrite:

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Walker to approve rewrite of available CARES/ARP/ESSER III funds as presented. Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Sell Unused Curriculum:

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Deitrich to allow the superintendent to sell unused curriculum items. Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Verkada Door Locks:

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Allen to accept the \$54,617.71 quote from Verkada for 5 years. Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports to the Board:

Athletic Committee: It is getting close to decision time on our sports co-op. They would like to survey our students, community and families for their input. Janet will send out a survey to gather opinions.

Dean of Students: We have an official request to start a gold team. Mr. Hopper expressed to the board that he was going to see how much interest there was among the students. There are no meets, just practice and then sectionals. He does have a coach who would volunteer his time. This would not be any expense to the district. Mr. Hopper also gave the board an update on how tutoring was going and how many students were attending.

Superintendent Report: Janet told the board that Michael Siegfried was our January Team Member of the Month. She also told the board that she has been in discussion with QFB (Constellation) Energy and they will be here to present at the March board meeting. Janet shared with the board the list of summer projects that she and Michael have discussed. She also shared that a staff member asked if we could do staff awards for longevity, so she will be giving those out at the end of the year. She shared with the board some ideas on how to use grant monies. She also told the board that ENGIE would like to have a special meeting at 5pm before the March board meeting to discuss their findings. She also let the board know that they would be completing out GLS on April 10<sup>th</sup>. We are not in session that day so it makes it easier for them to complete it.

Closed Meeting:

**A motion was made by Allen seconded by Blythe to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:24 PM to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(8)(14) listed below:**

- (1) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))**
- (8) Security procedures, school building safety and security and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to a threat (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8))**
- (14) Closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(14))**

**Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.**

President Detherage called the February 21, 2023 closed meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Board members present were Allen, Blythe, Collins, Gebhardt, Deitrich, Detherage, and Walker. Also present: Superintendent Janet Gladu and Dean of Students Ryan Hopper.

**A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Deitrich to return to open meeting at 8:30 PM. A voice vote confirmed all in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

Closed Meeting Items – Consideration and Action

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Deitrich to renew Ryan Hopper's, Dean of Students, contract through June 30, 2026. Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Walker to employ Amy Simmons as a non-tenured certified staff member for the 2023-2024 school year. Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

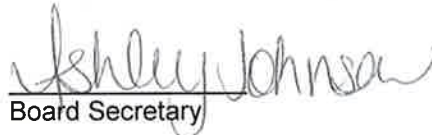
A motion was made by Detherage seconded by Blythe to employ Marlie Deeter as the Administrative Assistant. Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Allen to approve the closed session minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Detherage seconded by Allen to adjourn the February 21, 2023 La Harpe Board Meeting at 8:37 PM. The voice vote response returned all in favor. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the La Harpe CSD #347 school library.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved 3-21-23

