

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting May 21, 2024 in the school library. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Collins, Gebhardt, Walker, Detherage, absent Blythe, absent Deitrich. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Cathy Jones, Chad Burt

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: No public presentations.

Business Items:

The Approval of the regular minutes of April 16,2024.

Financial Report:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY2024</u>
Education	\$2,322,081.11
Building	\$539,459.19
Debt Service	\$104,744.32
Transportation	\$204,311.51
IMRF	\$70,659.49
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$150,250.42
Tort	\$177,285.98
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$238,439.24
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,807,231.26</u>

FY 2023 \$2,916,933.17

FY 2022 \$2,637,407.38

FY 2021 \$2,220,128.78

FY 2020 \$1,484,070.86

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Closed and Open Minutes of the April 16 2024 Regular Board Meeting and Financial Report, Individual fund balances, payment, and Closed Session Records- deletion of items 18 months and older. Acceptance of Rebekah Russell's Resignation effective May 24th, 2024. A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Walker to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the Hazardous Route:

A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Detherage to approve the hazardous route. Roll Call: Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Asbestos Abatement: Discussed the prices and tabled Asbestos abatement for old central office and band room.

Board Action: None required.

Central Office Demolition: Discussed the quote for demolition of the Old Central Office. Due to the presence of asbestos, the demolition needs to be postponed until asbestos abatement is complete. Item was tabled.

Board Action: None required.

Approval of the purchase for a 72 passenger bus for the 2025-2026 school year

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Allen to authorize the superintendent to seek bids on a new 72 passenger school bus. Roll Call: Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Bus Barn: Discussed revisiting bus barn at a later date, due to completion of other projects.

Board Action: None needed.

Approval of Sale and Removal of Grain Bin on FFA plot

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Walker to authorize superintendent to seek bids to sell and remove grain bin. Roll call: Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Architechnics for the Architect

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Walker to select Architechnics as the new architect. Roll Call: Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Savvas enVision math for 5th-8th and iReady for K-4 adopted through 2029-2030 school year

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Detherage to approve enVision Math as the 5th-8th grade adopted math curriculum and iReady math as the adopted K-4 math curriculum. Roll Call: Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Savvas myView K-5 ELA and myPerspectives 6-8th ELA adopted through 2029-2030 school year

A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Gebhardt to approve Savvas myView as the K-5 adopted ELA curriculum and myPerspectives as the 6-8th adopted ELA curriculum. Roll Call: Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the CFST (1% sales tax) on the November 2024 Ballot

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Detherage to direct the superintendent to draft a resolution for board approval regarding placing the CFST on the November 2024 ballot. Roll

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

Approval of June 2024 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Allen to move the June Regular Board Meeting to June 25, 2024 to allow Laura and the superintendent more time to finalize the 2024-2025 amended budget. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of June Budget Hearing

A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Collins to set the fiscal year 2024 amended budget hearing for June 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Roll Call: Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Audit Engagement Letter

A motion was made by Walker and seconded by Allen to approve the audit engagement letter between the district and Dennis Koch for the amount not to exceed \$ 14,570. Roll Call: Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Policy Updates

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Collins to approve the policy updates as presented. Roll Call: Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Rotating Classrooms for Board Meetings

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Walker to approve amended 2024-2025 Board Meeting dates and locations. Roll Call: Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of HVAC Bid

A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Walker to approve the HVAC bids from Arnold's in the amount of \$104,385.00. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Roof Bid

A motion was made by Walker and seconded by Gebhardt to approve the roof bid from Kreiling in the amount of \$108,799. Roll Call: Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Junior High Basketball Uniforms

A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Collins to approve the 25 new Basketball uniforms to meet IESA rules. Roll Call: Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports:

- Principal / Athletic Director presented to the board doing another fund raiser to help with the purchase of new boy's basketball uniforms.
- Principal Hopper also presented to the board Junior High helping the American legion put up flags at the cemetery.
- Superintendent Gladu presented to the board team member for the month of May is Amy Simmons.
- Superintendent Gladu presented to the board our team member of the year is Susan Pratt.
- Superintendent Gladu presented to the board to hire another Special ed paraprofessional plus an additional paraprofessional for 2024-2025 School year.

Board Action: Motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:37pm 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 (14) closed session minutes. Rahn excited at 6:38pm.

Motion by Allen and seconded by Walker to adjourn to closed session.

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

Board Action: Detherage called the closed session to order at 6:39pm on 21 May 2024.

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

Board Action: Motion by Collins and seconded by Detherage to return to open session at 6:49pm. (voice vote).

**Action on Closed Session items:
Meeting called to order at 6:49pm.**

Board Action: Moved by Gebhardt and seconded by Walker to approve the closed session minutes from 21 May 2024.

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

Board Action: Moved by Collins and seconded by Detherage to hire Aubrey Porter as a non-tenured teacher beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Board Action: Moved by Detherage and seconded by Allen to hire Kayla Gebhardt as a paraprofessional beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Board Action: Moved by Gebhardt and seconded by Collins to hire Michelle Detherage as a paraprofessional beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Detherage, abstain; Allen, absent Deitrich, absent Blythe. 4-0.

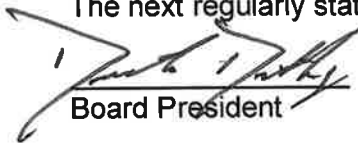
Board Action: Moved by Collins and seconded by Detherage to hire Aubrey Porter as assistant volleyball coach beginning school year 2024-2025.

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. (voice vote).

Board Action: Moved by Detherage and seconded by Walker to adjourn the 21May 2024 board meeting at 6:57 pm. (voice vote).

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for 25 June 2024 at 6:00 pm.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved June 25, 2024