

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting 18 July 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, Detherage, Dietrich, Gebhardt, and Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu, and Dean of Students Ryan Hopper.

Visitors in attendance: Melissa Johnson, Cassidy, Mason, Brandon Bundy, Cassandra Bundy, Spencer Yackee, and Kalyn Bruce were also in attendance.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Closed and Open Minutes of the 20 June 2023 Regular Board Meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board, Financial Report, Action to Delete Verbatim Closed Meeting Recordings 18 Months and Older, and Title change only- Ryan Hopper from Dean of Students to Assistant Principal.

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

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

<b>Fund</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
Education	1,711,106.02
Building	193,042.30
Debt Services	82,560.21
Transportation	155,105.12
IMRF	17,875.64
Capital Projects	0
Working Cash	125,625.86
TORT Immunity	74,457.59
Fire Prevention & Safety	214,643.20
<b>Total</b>	
<b>Comparison Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
FY 2022	\$2,373,185.91
FY 2021	\$2,003,297.46
FY 2020	\$1,276,877.02
FY 2019	\$891,011.17

FY 2022 \$2,550,791.33  
 FY 2021 \$218,506.20  
 FY 2020 \$1,348,385.82  
 FY 2019 \$930,216.18

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

Approval to begin contract negotiations with Entrust Solar for the district's onsite "behind the meter" solar. A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Walker to begin contract negotiations with Entrust for the district's on-site "behind the meter" solar project. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; and Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of policy updates: A motion was made by Collins with second by Blythe to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of the policy updates as presented and listed on the agenda. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the 2023-2024 District Wellness Plan. A motion was made by Gebhardt with a second by Allen to approve the 2023-2024 District Wellness Plan. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the 2023-2024 Cancellation of School Fees due to the Derecho storm. A motion was made by Blythe with a second by Allen to cancel school fees for the 2023-2024 school year due to the Derecho storm. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the tree removal quote from the 29 June 2023 storm. A motion was made by Collins with a second by Bluth to approve the tree removal quote from Tim Graves at a cost of \$400. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports to the Board: Assistant Principal Hopper discussed the athletic updates. Superintendent Gladu discussed solar projects, attendance plans and Trajectory solar project.

Gebhardt made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:54PM seconded by Walker. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; and Walker, yes. Motion carried -0. Assistant Principal Hopper exited at 7:54 pm.

**Closed Meeting:**

**A motion was made by Gebhardt with second by Walker to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:54 PM to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) listed below:**

- (1) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) and (14) closed session minutes.**

**Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0. Hopper exited at 7:24PM.**

President Detherage called the closed meeting of the July 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:08 PM. Board members present were Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage, Gebhardt, and Walker.

**A motion was made by Allen with second by Allen to return to open meeting at 9:13 PM. A voice vote confirmed all in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

**Closed Meeting Items – Consideration and Action**

Action on Closed Session items:

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Employment

A motion was made by Blythe with second by Detherage to approve the closed session minutes from June 20, 2023. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Walker with a second by Blythe to approve the personnel report:

- Hire Brittany Teesdale as volleyball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Hire Shane Painter as the assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Accept Christina Geissler's resignation.
- Hire Brandon Bundy as part-time custodian.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Detherage with second by Deitrich to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM The voice vote response returned all in favor. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved August 15, 2023

