

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting 15 August 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 Assistant Principal Ryan Hopper.

Visitors in attendance: Lacie Thompson and Dave Clover.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Closed and Open Minutes of the July 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and August 2, 2023 Special 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 Gebhardt 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 July 2023

Fund	FY 2023
Education	2,309,353.79
Building	359,919.32
Debt Services	191,639.63
Transportation	103,124.43
IMRF	69,103.73
Capital Projects	0
Working Cash	137,559.64
TORT Immunity	92,347.23
Fire Prevention & Safety	227,493.52
Total	3,490,541.28
Comparison Year	Total
FY 2023	\$3,102,890.16
FY 2022	\$2,373,185.91
FY 2021	\$2,003,297.46
FY 2020	\$1,276,877.02

Approval to set 2023-2024 Budget Hearing Date and Time: A motion was made by Blythe and seconded by Allen to set the 2023-2024 budget hearing date and time for Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6 pm. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; and Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the Board Resolution to work with ENGIE and approve the limited notice to proceed: A motion was made by Collins with second by Allen to Board Resolution and to approve the limited notice to proceed with ENIGIE to begin working on a new cafeteria/multi-purpose building. 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 Bus/Transportation Routes. A motion was made by Blythe with a second by Detherage to approve the 2023-2024 Bus/Transportation Routes. 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 Student Handbook Updates, as presented. A motion was made by Collins with a second by Walker to updates to the 2023-2024 Student Handbook, as presented. 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 the staff in-service days. Board President Detherage discussed the possibility of a new activity bus. He stated that it will cost approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000 to fix the AC in the current activity bus.

Blythe made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:15 PM seconded by Collins. 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, (13) board self-reflection, 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 and Rahn exited at 7:15 PM.

President Detherage called the closed meeting of the August 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:24 PM. Board members present were Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage, Gebhardt, and Walker.

A motion was made by Walker with second by Blythe to return to open meeting at 8:09 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 Collins with second by Allen to approve the closed session minutes from July 18, 2023. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- Hire Kellie Allen as a substitute.
- Hire Ashley Flynn as a substitute
- Accept Emily Detherage's resignation, effective August 28, 2023.
- Hire Amanda Johnson as a substitute.
- Hire Carl Schaefer as a substitute activity bus driver.
- Hire Mariah Skelley as a substitute.
- Hire Arthur Dean Spangler as a substitute.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Detherage with second by Allen to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM
The voice vote response returned all in favor. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved Sept 19, 2023