

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting August 20, 2024 in the Old band room. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Gebhardt, Walker, Detherage. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Chad Burt, Cathy Jones, Terry Mutton and Architect Jason Shimp.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: No public presentations.

Business Items:

The Approval of the regular minutes of 16 July Regular, 22 July Athletic Committee, & 23 July Special Meeting.

Financial Report:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY2024</u>
Education	\$2,129,256.09
Building	\$432,780.90
Debt Service	\$119,207.00
Transportation	\$138,163.92
IMRF	\$53,803.85
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$154,229.57
Tort	\$29,909.53
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$242,418.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,290,769.25</b>
<b>Decrease from Prior Year</b>	<b>-5.73%</b>

FY 2024	\$3,490,541.28
FY 2023	\$3,102,890.16
FY 2022	\$2,373,185.91
FY 2021	\$2,003,297.46

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Closed and Open Minutes of the July 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and Financial Report, Individual fund balances, payment of bills, and Closed Session Records- deletion of items 18 months and older. Approve Lorrie Harl's Resignation effective August 7, 2024. A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Blythe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented/ amended (roll call). 2024-2025 Risk Management Plan. This is required annually. It is the exact plan as last year. The financial increases were about \$7000. This is all paid out of Tort Immunity fund (tax levy). 2024-2025 Board Meetings location will change to old band shack/Pre-K building until the building is demolished. Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing Date/Time: A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Detherage to set the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing for September 17, 2024 at 6:05 pm.

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

Approval of 2024-2025 Bus/Transportation Routes: A motion was made by Blythe and seconded by Collins to approve the 2024-2025 bus/transportation routes.

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

Approval of Architechnics Conceptual Design Proposal: A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Allen to approve the Conceptual Design Proposal from Architechnics in the amount of \$8500.

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

Approval of Architechnics Architectural Design Comparison: A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Deitrich to approve Architechnics complete an architectural design comparison on the current cafeteria to determine an estimated cost of bringing it up to functional code.

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

Approval of the Copier Bid from DCS Copier: A motion was made by Deitrich and seconded by Collins to approve the copier bid from DCS through 31 August 2029 in the amount of \$12,775.68 per year.

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

Approval of the Bus Bid: A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Detherage to approve the bid from Central Bus Sales for one 2026 Model Year School Bus in the amount of \$133,280.00.

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

Proposed Joint Committee Board: A motion was made by Blythe and seconded by Gebhardt to proposed joint committee meetings with IW board and Dallas City board. Meeting 1 to 4 times a year.

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

HLS/Working Cash Bonds (December 2023) Abandonment: A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Walker to abandon the HLS/Working Cash Bonds that were petitioned in December 2023.

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

Parking Lot RFP discussion: The Board discussed different options about tar/chipping and also paving. Discussion only. **No action needed.**

Maintenance Grant: Discussed various items that need done such as P.A System, restrooms, locker rooms and double doors. We will meet again 17 September 2024 5:00pm with committee as a whole to survey facilities and prioritize needs. **No action needed.**

Title IX-2024 Requirements: All our policy updates relate to the new guidelines. **No action needed.**

Policy Update: First read only. **No action required.**

Asbestos Abatement/Building Demolition: No updates at this time. **No action needed.**

Reports:

- Board Members: Talked about getting a student board member.
- Principal/Athletic Director/Transportation Director: Bus safety K-8 went great. We are off to a great start for the year. Baseball is going well. Transportation has no issues. Waiting for more sign-ups for boosters.
- Superintendent: Presented to the board if they would like trajectory to come to a board meeting again.

**Board Action:** Motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:09 pm to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district.

**Motion by Blythe and seconded by Allen to adjourn to closed session.**

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

**Board Action: Detherage called the closed session to order at 7:37 on 20 August 2024.**

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

**Board Action: Moved by Detherage and seconded by Blythe to return to open session at 8:16pm. (voice vote).**

**Detherage called meeting to order at 8:17pm.**

**Moved by Blythe and seconded by Collins to hire Wayne Garrison as a fulltime maintenance/custodian.**

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

**Moved by Deitrich and seconded by Detherage to hire Carissa Houston as a substitute.**

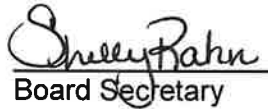
Roll Call: yes; Gebhardt, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins. Motion carried 7-0

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. (voice vote).

A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Deitrich to adjourn the 20 August 2024 board meeting at 8:18 pm. (voice).

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for 17 September 2024 at 6:00 pm.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved September 17, 2024