

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting December 19, 2023 in the school library. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage, Gebhardt, absent Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Assistant Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Grant James, Joy Pollock, Laura Jones, Josie Thomas, Jason Siegworth, Kendall King, Craig Campbell.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: No public presentations were given.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Approval of the regular minutes of November 21,2023 and special meeting minutes of November 21, 2023, December 6,2023 athletic committee meeting, and December 12,2023 curriculum committee meeting.

Financial Report: The fund balances listed below reflect transactions through December 2024.

Fund	FY2024
Education	\$2,549,870.53
Building	\$348,503.22
Debt Service	\$102,884.90
Transportation	\$114,490.93
IMRF	\$124,938.15
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$150,044.49
Tort	\$183,225.87
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$239,461.77
Total	\$3,813,449.86

FY 2023	\$3,061,185.25
FY 2022	\$2,423,966.80
FY 2021	\$1,584,443.65
<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>\$1,280,110.50</u>

Payment of Bills

Closed session records – deletion of items 18 months and older.

Board action: Motion was made by Collins seconded by Allen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Hearing for Bonds:

Board Action: Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Dietrich to enter into public hearing at 6:37 pm concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell, not to exceed \$1,450,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds and to sell, not to exceed \$6,500,000 General Obligation (Alternate Revenue Source) Bonds.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe. Motion carried 6-0.

Bonds Public Hearing Comments:

- Discussion/questions on tax rate
- Discussion/questions on how farm land is assessed versus how homes are assessed
- Discussion/question on if farms get deductions the same as homes
- Discussion on how farmland EAV increases. Farmland is capped at 10% increase per year/per median.
- Discussion/question on how many registered voters are in the county – 1,327.
- Discussion/question on if we qualify for low income funds.
- Discussion/question on what is Illini West wants to use La Harpe facilities for the High School.
- President Detherage gave an update on project.
- President Detherage read statement from Dave Clover, supporting board of education and supporting building.
- Discussion/questions on student dismissal procedures with new facilities.
- Discussion/question on exiting door security.

Exiting Public Hearing for Bonds.

Board Action: Motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Blythe to exit public hearing at 6:45pm concerning the intent of Board of Education to sell, not to exceed \$1,450,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds and to sell, not to exceed \$6.500,000 General Obligation (Alternate Revenue Source) Bonds.

Roll Call: yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich. Motion carried 6-0.

Enter Public Hearing for Administrative Cost Waiver:

Board Action: Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Collins to enter the public hearing at 6:47 pm concerning the waiver application for 105 ILCS 5/17-1.5(c) – Limitation of Administrative Costs.

No Public comment.

Roll Call: yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage. 6-0.

Exiting Public Hearing – administrative costs waiver. Requires board action.

Board Action: Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Deitrich to exit the public hearing at 6:49 pm concerning the waiver application for 105 ILCS 5/17 -1.5 (c) – Limitation of Administrative Costs.

Roll Call: yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker.6-0.

Approve Limitation of Administrative Cost Waiver:

Board Action: Motion by Collins and seconded by Blythe to approve the Limitation of Administrative Costs Waiver.

Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker. 6-0.

Athletic Co-Op Adjustment: Both committees agreed to adding tryout numbers to all sports with the maximum number of participants equal to the state playoff numbers; at coaches' discretion.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe. 6-0.

Board Action: Motion by Collins and seconded by Allen to approve the recommendation of the athletic committee to add tryout numbers to all sports with the maximum number of participants equal to the state playoff numbers; at the coaches, discretion.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe. 6-0.

Board Policy Update: There are several Policy updates this month. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of these policies.

Board Action: Motion by Blythe and seconded by Allen to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of policy updates; as presented.

Roll Call: yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins. 6-0.

County Sales Tax Resolution: Discuss/or Approve the Resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of School for the County of Hancock, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Board Action: Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Deitrich to approve Resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of School for the County of Hancock, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County. Election to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Roll Call: no; Detherage, no; Gebhardt, absent Walker, no; Allen, no; Blythe, no; Collins, no; Deitrich. 0-6. Motion failed.

Entrust On-Site Solar: Discussion on final contract between Entrust and La Harpe CSD # 347; community solar.

Board Action: Motion by Collins and seconded by Detherage to approve the Entrust Solar Power Purchase Agreement contract.

Roll Call: yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt. 6-0.

Inspire Science Curriculum: Discussion on recommendation from Curriculum committee to approve Mc Graw Hill Inspire Science curriculum .

Board Action: Motion by Blythe and seconded by Collins to approve the Inspire Science by Mc Graw Hill as the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade adopted science curriculum through the 2028-2029 school year.

Roll Call: yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker. 6-0.

FFA Plot Grain Bins: Discussion on selling grain bin on FFA land.

Board Action: Motion by Detherage and seconded by Gebhardt to approve the superintendent to seek bids to sell the old FFA Plot Grain Bins.

Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen. 6-0.

Old Central Office Bids to Remove Materials/Items: Discussion on selling items from Old Central Office.

Board Action: No Motion.

Music Building Bids to Remove Materials/Items: Discussion on selling items from music building.

Board Action: No Motion.

Reports:

- Board Committee – none
- Board Members: Discussion on bulk mailing rate.
- Assistant Principal/ Athletic Director: Discussion on new logo gym mats.
- Superintendent: none.

Board Action: Motion by Deitrich and seconded by Blythe to adjourn to closed session at 8:17 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, and (14) closed session minutes.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, absent Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe.6-0.  
Rahn excused at 8:17 pm.

Board Action: Detherage called closed session to order at 8:18pm.

Roll Call: Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage, Gebhardt, absent Walker. Gladu present.

Board Action: Motion by Deitrich and seconded by Collins to adjourn 19 December closed session at 8:24 pm.  
Voice vote.

Board Action: Motion by Collins and seconded Blythe to return to open session at 8:25 pm. Voice vote.

Board Action: Motion by Allen and seconded by Detherage to approve November 2,2023 & November 21, 2023  
Closed session minutes.

Board Action: Motion by Allen and seconded by Detherage to adjourn the December 19,2023 Board Meeting at 8:31  
pm.

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for January 16,2023 at 6:00 pm.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved 1/16/2024