

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting January 16, 2024 in the school gym. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage, Gebhardt, Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Assistant Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Tim King, Terry Mutton, Cathy Jones, Jeff Mc Dowell, Tracy Mc Dowell.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: No public presentations were given.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Approval of the regular minutes of December 19,2023 and facilities committee meeting minutes of December 19, 2023, and October 17, 2023 facilities committee meeting.

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

Fund	FY2024
Education	\$2,442,018.09
Building	\$349,919.64
Debt Service	\$104,744.32
Transportation	\$102,106.21
IMRF	\$115,116.41
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$150,250.42
Tort	\$184,807.71
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$239,683.49
Total	\$3,688,646.29

FY 2023	\$3,169,101.62
FY 2022	\$2,544,719.92
FY 2021	\$1,551,697.45
FY 2020	\$1,247,267.36

Payment of Bills

Accept Brandon Bundy's resignation effective 31 December 2023

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

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

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

Engie Project: Board discussed progress of Engie building addition.

Board Action: No action taken.

Series 2023 Bonds: Tim King with King's Financial, discussed bond options timeline, and next steps with the board.

Board Action: No action taken.

Resolution to Abandon General Obligation Bonds: Tabled.

Resolution to Abandon Working Cash Bonds: Tabled.

Reports to the Board:

- Assistant Principal/ Athletic Director Ryan Hopper shared Elementary Spelling Bee postponed. Junior High Spelling Bee winner Aspyn Beasley.
- Superintendent Gladu discussed School finance "buckets" and how funds can move and be spent.
- Superintendent Gladu stated compliance visit date was moved to February 16,2024.
- Superintendent Gladu shared that the district was recently awarded \$89,000 in grant monies.

Board Action: Motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:43 pm to discuss items per ILCS 120/2/(c)(1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, and (14) closed session minutes.

Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Collins to adjourn to closed session.

Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Dietrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe. 7-0.  
Rahn and Hopper exited at 6:45 pm.

Board Action: Detherage called the closed session to order at 6:51 pm on January 16,2024.

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

Board Action: Moved by Gebhardt seconded by Deitrich to adjourn the 16 January 2024 closed session at 8:26 pm. (voice vote).

Board Action: Moved by Blythe and seconded by Detherage to return to open session at 8:26 pm. (voice vote).

Closed Session Items:

A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Collins to approve the closed session minutes from 19 December 2023.

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

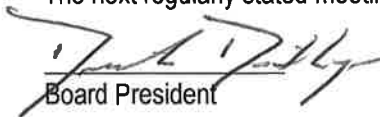
A motion was made by Blythe and seconded by Deitrich to approve the personnel report.

- Mallorie Downing hired as part-time custodian
- Janet Gladu contract extended to 30 June 2029, with a salary increase of 5%, starting 1 July 2024.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn (voice vote).

Board Action: Moved by Detherage and seconded by Gebhardt to adjourn the 16 January 2024 board meeting at 8:27 pm. (voice vote).

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for 20 February 2024 at 6:00 pm.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved 2/20/2024