

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting 17 October 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: Kiersten Sheets – Trajectory; Jadrien VanFleet – 1st grade teacher.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Closed and Open Minutes of the 19 September 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 2022-2023 AFR.

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 October 2023

Fund	FY 2024
Education	\$2,524,504.23
Building	\$381,884.37
Debt Services	\$290,261.92
Transportation	\$99,459.90
IMRF	\$133,708.48
Capital Projects	\$0
Working Cash	\$148,401.55
TORT Immunity	\$172,322.03
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$239,167.90
Total	\$3,989,710.38
Comparison Year	Total
FY 2023	\$3,255,648.28
FY 2022	\$3,124,559.86
FY 2021	\$2,498,538.23
FY 2020	\$1,358,522.62

Jadrien VanFleet presented to the board. She demonstrated Heggerty (phonics). The board thanked Jadrien for her service to the district and asked if there was anything she needed. She stated she would like to have a class set of iPads.

Approval to purchase a classroom set of iPads for the 1st grade: A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Detherage to purchase a classroom set of iPads for 1st grade at an estimated cost of \$14,450. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; and Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval Engie project design: A motion was made by Allen with second by Blythe to approve Option B design for a new cafeteria/multipurpose room. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich; yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the Trajectory (Community Solar) Lease. A motion was made by Walker with a second by Collings to approve the Trajectory Solar Lease along with the name "Eagle Alley Solar". Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich; yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

2023 Tax Levy: Superintendent Gladu presented the draft 2023 Tax Levy. Informational only.

Approval of the ELA Honor Society. A motion was made by Detherage with a second by Walker to approve the membership in the ELA Honor Society. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich; yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the 2023-2025 Maintenance Grant: A motion was made by Collins with a second by Blythe to approve the 2023-2025 Maintenance grant to replace the HVAC units on the gym. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich; yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the Health Life Safety (HLS) 10-year Audit: A motion was made by Collins with a second by Walker to approve the proposed decennial Health Life Safety Audit. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich; yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the Staff Christmas Gift: A motion was made by Deitrich with a second by Blythe to approve the annual staff Christmas gift of a ham and a turkey. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich; yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the Special Education Workload Plan: A motion was made by Collins with a second by Deitrich to approve the Special Education Workload Plan as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich; yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Smart Lab: Superintendent Gladu presented the proposal for a STEM lab. Informational only.

Reports to the Board: Assistant Principal Hopper discussed the athletic updates, school logo, referee/official pay. Superintendent Gladu discussed the staff member of the month, Triple I conference, Veterans Day program, Narcan training, Crisis Mapping, and the current electric school bus grant. 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.

Personnel: A motion was made by Deitrich with second by Blythe to hire Betty Collins and Rebecca Quivey as substitute cafeteria employees. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, Abstain; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0-1 abstain.

Closed Minutes: A motion was made by Detherage with a second by Deitrich to approve the closed session minutes from 15 August 2023. 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 8:00 PM
The voice vote response returned all in favor. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved 11/21/23