

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting 19 September 2023 in the school library. President Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Roll call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Detherage, Dietrich, Gebhardt, and Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu, Assistant Principal Ryan Hopper, and Admin. Assistant Shelly Rahn were also present.

Visitors in attendance: Kendall King and Kiersten Sheets.

A moment of Silence observed.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Open Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board, Financial Reports, Individual fund balances.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
Education	\$2,416,368.47
Building	\$355,361.68
Debt Services	\$228,161.67
Transportation	\$105,102.73
IMRF	\$79,547.70
Capital Projects	\$0
Working Cash	\$141,596.48
TORT Immunity	\$121,038.29
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$231,840.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,679,017.25</b>
<b>Comparison Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
FY 2023	\$2,992,285.94
FY 2022	\$2,760,616.49
FY 2021	\$2,800,500.97
FY 2020	\$1,501,379.75

A motion was made by Collins with second by Blythe to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt; yes, Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

King’s Financial Bod Presentation: Kendall King with King’s Financial discussed bond possibilities with the board and presented various bond scenarios. No Board Action Taken.

FY 2024 Budget Hearing: Superintendent Gladu presented the 2023-2024 Budget. Superintendent Gladu presented the proposed revenue and expenditures. No Board Action Taken.

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Approval of FY 2024 Budget. A motion was made by Blythe and seconded by Allen to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Trajectory (Community Solar) Lease: Kiersten Sheets with Trajectory met with the board to discuss the Community Solar Lease. The board made some changes/additions to the lease. A motion was made by Collins and seconded by Walker to approve the Trajectory Community Solar project as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ENGIE Project & Grant Status: Superintendent discussed Engie project updates Dept. of Justice Grant results for front vestibule is expected to be released the end of October. ENGIE is expected to have a design proposal for the new cafeteria/multi-purpose building at the October 2023 board meeting. No board action taken.

Old Central Office Demolition Bids: District received one bid from Alloy Group in the amount of \$85,470. The bid was for asbestos abatement only. No board action taken due to failure to meet bid requirements of abatement, demolition and removal.

Perimeter Fencing Design: A motion was made by Detherage and seconded by Collins to approve the perimeter design. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Activity Bus: Board discussion on purchasing of a new activity bus versus putting an AC unit on the current activity bus. Discussion about putting activity bus on the bus purchase rotation. Discussion only. No Board Action Taken.

Concrete Bids: Discussion on replacing/repairing concrete on the east side of the building. Discussion on waiting for ENGIE project updates first. No Board Action Taken.

Reports to the Board:

Assistant Principal Hopper reported on athletic numbers.

Superintendent Gladu reported on the following: Brandon Bundy was August 2023 Team Member of the Month; Update on Triple I conference in November; instructional mandates; mandated school trainings; and beginning of the year staff survey results.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Detherage with a second by Blythe to adjourn the 19 September 2023 board meeting at 8:22 pm.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved: Oct 17, 2023