

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting December 20, 2022 in the school library. President Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Collins, Deitrich, and Walker. Covert was absent. Superintendent Janet Gladu, Dean of Students Ryan Hopper and Board Secretary Ashley Johnson were in attendance.

Visitors in attendance were: Josh Gebhardt

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: Josh Gebhardt spoke and expressed interest in being on the school board.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included Minutes of the November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the La Harpe C.S.D. #347 School Board, Financial Report, and Action to Delete Verbatim Closed Meeting Recordings 18 Months and Older.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Collins to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Covert, absent; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Financial Report:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
Education	\$2,051,618.09
Building	\$122,295.86
Debt Service	\$98,454.21
Transportation	\$118,460.11
IMRF	\$95,722.26
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$180,297.56
Tort	\$179,693.96
HLS	\$214,643.20
Total	\$3,061,185.25
FY 2022	\$2,922,860.38
FY 2021	\$2,423,966.80
FY 2020	\$1,584,443.65
FY 2019	\$1,280,110.50

ENGIE Informational Presentation:

Sharon Uslan with ENGIE gave a presentation on potential services her company can offer La Harpe School. A motion was made by Walker seconded by Allen to approve the ENGIE no-cost opportunity assessment. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Covert, absent; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Policy 1st Read:

This is the first of 2 readings on the proposed policy updates.

Board Member Resignation:

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Detherage to accept Lacey Covert's resignation as board member, effective December 20, 2022 and thank her for her service to the community. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Open Board Member Position:

Per Stature, Dr. Gladu has 5 days to notify the ROE of the open board seat. The board has 30 days from the day of the opening to fill the position. The opening will be filled during January's board meeting.

Athletic Sponsorships Extension of Donation Banners through the 2023-24 School Year:

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Deitrich to extend the athletic sponsorships and leave banners hanging through June 30, 2024, with the district's deepest apologies for the delay. Roll Call: Allen, abstain; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

8th Grade Graduation:

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Blythe to set 8th grade graduation ceremony for Friday, May 19th, 2023 at 7pm. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Projected Teaching Positions Beginning with the 2023-2024 School Year:

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Blythe to add an additional certified teaching position to grades 6-8 for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports to the Board:

Dean of Students: Dr. Gladu had asked Mr. Hopped to give the board an updated number of La Harpe student athletes across all sports. He presented those numbers to the board.

Superintendent: Dr. Gladu shared that the November Team Member of the Month was Jadrien VanFleet. She informed the board that she would be posting the district secretary position when we return from Christmas break. She has hopes that the new hire could start working with Ashley in early March. She provided the board with 2 letters from 2 different students requesting the addition of softball. Dr. Gladu shared with the board some of the important things she learned at the school board conference.

Closed Meeting:

Motion to adjourn to closed meeting at 7:45 PM to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) listed below:

- (1) The Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))**

A motion was made by Allen seconded by Deitrich to adjourn to closed session. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

President Detherage called the closed meeting to order at 7:46 PM on December 20, 2022. Board members present were Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage and Walker. Also present: Superintendent Janet Gladu, Dean of Students Ryan Hopper and Board Secretary Ashley Johnson.

Ryan Hopper and Ashley Johnson exited at 7:47pm.

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Walker to return to open meeting at 8:17 PM. A voice vote confirmed all in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Closed Meeting Items – Consideration and Action

Personnel Report:

A motion was made by Walker seconded by Detherage to employ Heather Maynard as a substitute paraprofessional. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Deitrich to employee Amber Pence as a substitute teacher, paraprofessional, cook and custodian. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

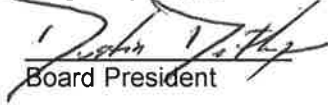
A motion was made by Detherage seconded by Blythe to employee Joseph Hincks as a teacher beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

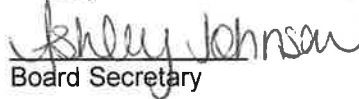
A motion was made by Allen seconded by Deitrich to change Laura Jones job title to finance manager. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Collins to change Ashley Johnson's job title to Administrative Assistant. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Detherage seconded by Allen to adjourn the December 20, 2022 La Harpe Board Meeting at 8:19 PM. The voice vote response returned all in favor. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved 1-17-23