

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting February 20, 2024 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, Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Assistant Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: Isabella Thompson, Tessa Mc Kee, Taylor Donaldson, Palyn Lord, Autumn Day, Mackenzie Smith, Ellie Wibbell, Kaydence Maynard, Amanda Donaldson, Heather Maynard, Tim Smith, Cathy Jones, Terry Mutton.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: No public presentations were given.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Approval of the regular minutes of February 20,2024.

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

Fund	FY2024
Education	\$2,534,903.22
Building	\$319,990.30
Debt Service	\$104,744.32
Transportation	\$213,002.56
IMRF	\$104,007.84
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Working Cash	\$150,250.42
Tort	\$183,676.12
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$239,683.49
Total	\$3,848,258.27
FY 2023	\$3,109,572.87
FY 2022	\$2,765,047.59
FY 2021	\$2,515,500.31
FY 2020	\$1,348,661.07
<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>\$1,150,705.23</u>

Payment of Bills

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.

President Detherage recessed meeting at 6:11 pm.

Public Hearing: Summer School Meal opt Out: John Meixner (Regional Superintendent) was here for this portion. Final approval lies with ROE. Does not require board action.

President Detherage called recessed meeting back to order at 6:13 pm.

Engie Project Update: Sharon Uslan and Craig Campbell with Engie presented the board with project updates. The board discussed a project maximum of \$5.2 million dollars. The board also indicated they wanted the cost to date and also preliminary designs for the cafeteria on the west side of the building.

2024-2025 Public School Calendar: Draft #4 was chosen for the calendar.

Board Action: Motion made by Collins and seconded by Walker to approve draft # 4 as the approved 2024-2025 public school calendar.

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

Art Murals on Walls: Discussion on the art class painting murals on the walls.

Board Action: Motion made by Detherage and seconded by Allen to approve the painting of murals on the walls. Murals must be prior approved.

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

Interior Door Locks: Top two safety recommendations are interior doors locked at all times with one motion locks and window glazing. We have 36 interior doors and would need around 50 locks (gives extra when they break). The total cost for locks would be approximately \$6500.

Board Action: Motion made by Blythe and seconded by Gebhardt to approve the purchase of interior push button locks for all interior doors for the cost of \$6500.

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

CFST- 1% sales tax: Discussion on CFST and the importance of providing accurate information to community. Discussion on amending resolution in support of CFST.

Board Action: Motion made by Gebhardt and seconded by Deitrich to adopt non-binding CFST.

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

Interior Window Glazing: Discussion on window glazing Tier I up to 2-minute delay at a cost of \$5,549.09. Tier II has up to 6-minute delay at a cost of \$8,061.86. This includes installation. Recommendation Tier II.

Board Action: Motion made by Collins and seconded by Deitrich to approve the purchase of Tier II window glazing at a cost of \$8,061.86.

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

Summer Projects: We have the following proposed summer projects: Pre-k playground to be put up, installing new gym mats, painting gym and hallways, window film and door locks, normal maintenance and potential room division.

Board Action: Motion made by Blythe and seconded by Collins to approve summer projects.

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

Volleyball Uniforms: New uniforms consist of district provided jersey, district provided spandex shorts with a minimum of a 7" inseam or district provided shorts. Athletes may wear leggings with district provided shorts on top.

Board Action: Motion made by Detherage and seconded by Collins to approve new volleyball uniform effective the 2024-2025 School year. 7-0.

Reports to the Board:

- Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Ryan Hopper shared that we made over \$3,000 for jump rope for heart.
- Superintendent Gladu shared team member of the month for December was Jennifer Hensley and team member for the month of January was Michael Siegfried.
- Superintendent Gladu shared that one of our new grants cover the purchases of new K-8 ELA curriculum and new K-8 math curriculum. We have samples ordered and will have recommendations by April/May.

Closed Session: Board Action:

Board Action: Motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:30 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.

Motion made by Allen and seconded by Detherage to adjourn to closed session.

Roll Call: yes; Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Walker. Rahn excited at 7:32 pm.

Board Action: Detherage called the closed session to order at 7:38 pm on 20 February 2024.

Board Action: Moved by Collins and seconded by Blythe to return to open session at 8:53 pm.

Closed Session Items:

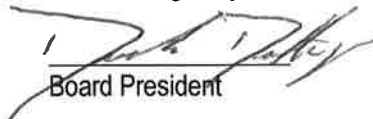
A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Gebhardt to approve the closed session minutes from 16 January 2024. 7-0.

A motion was made by Blythe and seconded by Dietrich to approve the personnel report as presented: To hire 4 summer maintenance employees. 7-0.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. (voice vote).

Board Action: Moved by Detherage and seconded by Dietrich to adjourn the 20 February 2024 board meeting at 9:02 pm. (voice vote).

The next regularly stated meeting is scheduled for 19 March 2024 at 6:00 pm.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved 19 March 2024

