

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular meeting on May 17, 2022 in the school library. President Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Jake Allen, Dana Blythe, Dustin Detherage, Bill Collins, Josh Walker, and Leandra Deitrich. Lacey Covert was absent. Superintendent Michelle Lee, Dean of Students Ryan Hopper, and Board Secretary Ashley Johnson were also in attendance.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations/Visitors: Darcy, Emma & Tanner Stonger, Vivalda & Taylor Roberts, Sarah Amschler, Brittany, Terry and Bridgette Teesdale were in attendance. Dr. Lee presented a principal's award to the winners of the poetry contest. Bridgette Teesdale, Adalynn Pence, Tanner Stonger, Odin McKune, Jackson Vanfleet, Taylor Roberts and Mrs. Amschler were all given awards/

**Business Items:**

**Consent Agenda:**

The Consent Agenda included Open and Closed Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting of the La Harpe CSD #347 School Board, Financial Report, and Action to Delete Verbatim Closed Meeting Recordings 18 Months and Older. A motion was made by Allen with second by Blythe to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Financial Report:** The fund balances listed below reflect transactions through April of 2022.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY2022</u>
Education	\$1,508,941.41
Building	\$348,290.15
Debt Service	\$95,488.43
Transportation	\$138,374.17
IMRF	\$34,040.38
Capital Projects	0.00
Working Cash	\$152,646.31
Tort	\$167,641.71
HLS	\$193,684.84
Total	<u>\$2,637,407.38</u>

FY 2021	\$2,220,128.78
FY 2020	\$1,484,190.54
FY 2019	\$1,161,070.86
FY 2018	\$876,614.23
FY 2017	\$785,001.01
FY 2016	\$963,451.83

**Payment of Bills:** The Board reviewed the bills. A motion was made by Collins with second by Detherage to approve the payment of bills as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**School Board Member Code of Conduct #2:** Each month an item will be read of the IASB's standards and principles. Blythe read aloud, "As a member of my local school board, I will do my utmost to represent the public interest in education by adhering to the following standards and principles: 2. *"I will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position, and will not use my board membership for personal gain or publicity."*

Solicitation of Bids for the 2022-2023 School Year: Dr. Lee shared that we need to start seeking bids for fuel. A motion was made by Allen with second by Blythe to approve seeking bids for fuel. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Community Sponsorship Recognition Program: Dr. Lee shared the proposed new program to get some sponsors. A motion was made by Deitrich with a second by Blythe to approve the Community Sponsorship Recognition Program as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of the Consolidated District Plan: Dr. Lee shared that this is the first step in applying for grants. A motion was made by Collins with a second by Detherage to approve the 2022-2023 Consolidated District Plan as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2022-2023 School Registration: Dr. Lee shared that registration will be in person this year and it will be held August 4, 2022 from 8:00am to 6:00pm in the school library. She also shared that we increased the breakfast and lunch fees by \$.10 to be more in-line with the federal requirements. A motion was made by Collins with a second by Deitrich to approve the 2022-2023 School Registration Fees as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

IESA Membership Renewal: A motion was made by Blythe with second by Allen to approve the IESA Membership as presented. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Gym Floor Annual Maintenance Estimate: Don Bennett gave an estimate on what the cost would be for him to come in annually and maintain the gym floor.

PreK Building Roof: Dr. Lee shared that Michael heard back from the roofer and he suggested we add ice/snow blockers to the bottom of the roof to prevent any injuries. A motion by Blythe with a second by Collins to add the ice/snow blockers to the PreK Roof Project at the cost of \$400-\$500. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Triple I conference: Dr. Lee shared the details and the plans for registering for the upcoming Triple I Annual Conference in Chicago November 18-20, 2022.

Summer Office Hours: Dr. Lee shared that the summer office hours will go into effect starting the week of May 23, 2022. The summer daily office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

Update on Student Achievement: Dr. Lee shared with the board packets that Mrs. Bray had given her showing overall student achievement for K-6 grades for reading and math.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: Dr. Lee reminded the board that 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm in the city park.

Board Member Reports: No reports

**Superintendent Report:** Dr. Lee's report included that the school did not receive 1 payment from Evidence Based Funding for \$23,140.00. Dr. Lee shared that we have completed the 3-year asbestos inspection, the annual bleacher inspection and the Getz fire inspection. She brought to the board's attention the need for a resolution for substitute calling because of Kelly retiring. She told the board about the track state qualifiers and how they did at state. She also told the board about each grades field trip day and destination. She informed the board that her book study is going well with the staff. Dr. Lee shared what was done during Teacher Appreciation week for the teachers and staff. She told the board about the Fine Arts Fair and all the work that Mrs. Mencil and Mrs. Painter put into it and what a success it was. She told the board that on May 5<sup>th</sup> there was kindergarten orientation and that we put an ad in the quill reminding parents with kindergarten aged students to call to get them signed up. She also talked about Mrs. Mencil's end of the year music concerts and that she was given flowers and thanked for all her hard work for the past 19 years. She told the board that Laurie Myers brought in her therapy dogs to visit and that the students and staff enjoyed that. She also mentioned that the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders were taken to Dallas City to attend the WWII Veteran's funeral. She said Mrs. Pratt was very passionate about this and even had Kevin Beals and Rod Burr come to the school to talk about paying respect at a funeral. She told the board about the Ukrainian Fundraiser and how the pie in the faces went. She told the board that she is having staff meetings to prepare for next year with both elementary and jr high teachers. She told the board that we have made "caught you being good tickets" for students to encourage positive behavior. She also told the board the we are continuing to spread positivity to the staff by handing out weekly gifts. She invited the board to our cake celebration honoring our retiring and outgoing staff. She informed the board about summer projects and dates that would start. She also told the board about summer school. Lastly, Dr. Lee shared with the board her recommendation for getting an electronic school sign.

**Closed Meeting:**

**A motion was made by Allen with second by Collins to adjourn to closed meeting on May 17, 2022 at 7:04 PM to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)(10) listed below:**

- (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.**
- (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))**
- (10) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10))**

**Roll Call: Allen, Blythe, Covert, absent; Detherage, Collins, Walker, Deitrich.**

**President Detherage called the May 18, 2021 closed meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Board members present: Allen, Blythe, Detherage, Collings, Walker, and Deitrich. Covert was absent. Also present: Superintendent Michelle Lee, Dean of Students Ryan Hopper and Board Secretary Ashley Johnson.**

**A motion was made by Deitrich with second by Blythe to return to open meeting at 8:26 PM Voice Vote confirmed all in favor. Motion carried.**

Business Items – Consideration and Action:

Personnel Report

**May 17, 2022**

**Resignation**

1. Grant Rogers- JH Math
2. Jodelle Eddington- Paraprofessional

**Employment**

1. Ryan Hopper- Athletic Director for 2022-2023
2. Emily Detherage- Cook's Assistant for 2022-2023
3. Kayla Martin- Paraprofessional for 2022-2023
4. Issac Siegfried- Summer Help
5. Colin LeMaire- Summer Help
6. Alec Hymes- Summer Help 3 Days a Week
7. Lewis Siegfried- Summer Help 2 Days a Week
8. Kristin Palmer- Classroom Teacher for 2022-2023
9. Laura Wilhite- Elementary Special Education for 2022-2023

A motion was made by Collins with second by Deitrich to approve the Personnel Report as presented.  
Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Covert, absent; Detherage, yes; Collins, yes; Walker, yes; Deitrich, yes.  
Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Detherage with second by Blythe to adjourn the meeting at 8.28 PM. The voice vote response returned all in favor. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled monthly board meeting is Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the school library.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

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