

La Harpe Community School District #347  
**LA HARPE SCHOOL BOARD News Release**

On June 18, 2019 the La Harpe School Board held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room. Visitors were District Bookkeeper Laura Claassen and Mark Cox of the Journal Pilot. The Board approved these employments: Ethan James, Bayley Torrence, and Jalynn Niederman as summer custodians and Kelly Lafferty as summer central office help. Jan Bailey resigned as Elementary Special Education to teach in her hometown of Beardstown, and Cassie Bundy will be called back as a Paraprofessional. Notices to Remedy were issued for two employees and applicants for Athletic Director were discussed. The board approved the consent agenda, bills, and 2020 School Calendar, reviewed a Code of Conduct item, visited about attending the Triple I Conference in Chicago in November, and assigned committees. The board held a budget hearing and approved the amended budget. Dr. Lee reviewed the general requirements for amending the budget. Lee commended Laura Claassen for her work on the budget updates. Lee noted each line that was adjusted and reasons for the amendments. Discussion included education reimbursement, administrative classes, special ed. coverage, math provisional class reimbursement, and the relatively low amount of reimbursement we offer per credit hour compared to the actual cost. June salary entries will change Tort. Working Cash and Fire Prevention & Safety are the same amount on the levy, which is reflected in the budget. The budget goal is to be as close as possible without having to amend. The board approved the teacher contract for the school years 2019-20 through 2021-22, decided to repair rather than replace an older bus, and approved fuel service and a new copier lease.

Dr. Lee gave the Board a list of legislative updates affecting school districts. Legislation is being considered regarding Minimum Teacher Salary, Pay for Student Teachers, Vertical Capital Projects, Repeals of the 3% Salary Cap, and District Threat Assessment Teams. Lee attended a June 3rd training on how to implement the protocols for district threat assessment. Lee mentioned we have verbal confirmation of the Hyatt room reservations for Triple I in Chicago in November. Health insurance increased 1.1% and dental went up \$1. Our new principal, Sara Ryner, has been working a few days with Interim Principal Brad Kenser. Kenser has completed his last day. Mrs. Ryner is working on student handbook updates and grants. Summer School is proceeding smoothly with exception of one adjustment to accommodate no water on Monday.

La Harpe School Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the District Office Conference Room. Agendas and approved minutes are posted on the website at [laharpeeagles.org](http://laharpeeagles.org).