

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting March 21, 2023 in the school library. President Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage, Gebhardt and Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu, Dean of Students Ryan Hopper, Board Secretary Ashley Johnson and Board Secretary Marlie Deeter were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: QFB presentation group

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Presentations: No public presentations.

Business Items:

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the Closed and Open Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, March 7, 2023 Committee Meeting, March 14, 2023 Athletic committee minutes of the La Harpe C.S.D. #347 School Board, Financial Report, and Action to Delete Verbatim Closed Meeting Recordings 18 Months and Older, Payment of Bills and Kristen Palmer's resignation.

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Allen 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.

Financial Report:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>FY2023</u>
Education	\$2,086,915.29
Building	\$106,147.85
Debt Service	\$98,454.21
Transportation	\$173,858.32
IMRF	\$62,341.55
Capital Projects	0.00
Working Cash	\$180,297.56
Tort	\$179,054.39
HLS	\$214,643.20
Total	<u>\$3,101,712.37</u>

FY 2022	\$2,273,248.28
FY 2021	\$2,535,801.99
FY 2020	\$1,611,617.48
FY 2019	\$1,377,046.33

Solar Presentation- QFB/IDEAL

GFB/IDEAL gave a presentation to the board about installing solar panels.

Approval to Develop a Budget for FY 2023-2024

A motion was made by Gebhardt seconded by Blythe to authorize Superintendent Gladu to develop a tentative budget for FY 2023-2024. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Change April Board Meeting Date:

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Allen to approve to move the April 2023 regular school board meeting to April 25th, 2023. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on 2023-2025 Athletic Co-Op with Dallas City:

The board discussed the co-op agreement with Dallas City.

Approval of the Audit Engagement:

Motion by Detherage seconded by Collins to approve the audit engagement proposal from Dennis Kock for FY 2023. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Advertise Bid for 6.5 Acres of Land:

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Walker to authorize Janet Gladu to advertise for bid of the 6.5 acres of land owned by the district. Bids will be due by 3pm on April; 20, 2023. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Move Forward with ENGIE:

Motion by Gebhardt seconded by Allen to approve the no-cost detailed audit and project development services with ENGIE. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Set Amended FY23 Budget Hearing:

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Detherage to set our amended FY23 budget hearing for June 20, 2023 at 6pm. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval for Overnight Student Travel for Science Olympiad:

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Gebhardt to approve overnight student travel for the Science Olympiad team and to pay for the hotel costs for the participants to stay with their parents. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Accept Quote for Roof Removal:

A motion was made Deitrich seconded by Collins to accept the quote from Ryan Walker to remove the roof between the PreK building and Johnson building at a cost of \$15 per hour. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval to Abate Working Cash and Move to Operations and Maintenance:

A motion was made by Allen seconded by Blythe to abate \$54,671.70 of working cash and move to Operations and Maintenance. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports to the Board:

The board discussed the upcoming awards night and invitations.

Janet Gladu shared with the board that Julie Garrison was our February Team Member of the Month.

Ashley Johnson and Marlie Deeter exited the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Closed Meeting

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Allen to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:48 PM to discuss items per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(14) listed below:

- (1) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))**
- (14) Closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(14))**

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

President Dustin Detherage called the March 21, 2023 closed meeting to order at 7:52 PM. Board members present were Allen, Blythe, Collins, Gebhardt, Deitrich, Detherage and Walker. Also present: Superintendent Janet Gladu and Dean of Students Ryan Hopper.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Deitrich to return to open session at 8:20 PM. Voice vote.

Closed Meeting Items – Consideration and Action

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Deitrich to rehire Jennifer Hensley as a 4th year, non-tenured certified staff member for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Gebhardt to rehire Ashlee Goettsche and Susan Pratt as 3rd year, non-tenured certified staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Walker to rehire Melissa Burt, Nichelle Pence, and Jadrien VanFleet as 2nd year, non-tenured certified staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Allen to hire Courtney Painter as a certified staff member for the 2022-2023 school year and rehire her as a 1st year, non-tenured certified staff member for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Gebhardt to hire Peyton Porter as a 1st year, non-tenured certified staff member for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Gebhardt seconded by Blythe to hire Rebekah Russell as a 1st year, non-tenured certified staff member for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Gebhardt to hire Aubrey Porter as a paraprofessional for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Collins seconded by Detherage to hire Ryan Hopper as the head baseball coach, and Dave Clover as the head girls' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Allen to hire Peyton Porter as the assistant baseball coach and Jacki Wibbell as the assistant girls' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Deitrich seconded by Walker to hire Nichelle Pence as the head boys' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

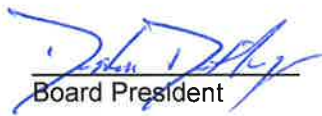
A motion was made by Collins seconded by Walker to adopt the resolution for the dismissal of John Amschler, due to lack of certification, as a professional educator licensed employee, effective the last day of school of the 2022-2023 school year, and thank him for his continued support and service to the district and community. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Blythe seconded by Gebhardt to adopt the resolution for the dismissal of Sarah Amschler, due to lack of certification, as a professional educator licensed employee, effective the last day of school of the 2022-2023 school year, and thank her for her continued support and service to the district and community. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Detherage seconded by Allen to approve the closed session minutes from February 21, 2023. Roll Call: Allen, yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Detherage with second by Blythe to adjourn the March 21, 2023 La Harpe Board Meeting at 8:26 PM. The voice vote response returned all in favor. No one opposed. The meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the La Harpe CSD #347 school library.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved 4-25-23