

The Board of Education of LaHarpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting on 15 July 2025 in the Board room. President Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call was answered by Blythe, Dowell, Deitrich, Burt, Detherage, and Walker. Gebhardt was absent. Superintendent Janet Gladu, Board Secretary Liz McCarter, and Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitor in attendance was Architect Jacques Reynolds.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Comment: none

Business Items:

The Consent Agenda included the Open Meeting Minutes of the 24 June 2025 Regular Board Meeting of the LaHarpe CSD 347 School, June Financial Reports, Individual Fund Balances, Payment of Bills, Fiscal Year 2026 District Wellness Plan, and action to delete the verbatim closed session meeting recordings that were 18 months and older.

Individual Fund Balances (chart below)

Fund	FY 2025
Education	\$2,014,771.20
Building	\$431,142.45
Debt Services	\$95,707.22
Transportation	\$196,871.13
IMRF	\$67,268.02
Capital Projects	\$0
Working Cash	\$42,541.78
TORT Immunity	\$100,387.45
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$228,935.84
Total	\$3,177,625.09

A motion was made by Dowell with a second Deitrich to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 24 June 2025 Open Meeting Minutes, financial report, the Fiscal Year 2026 District Wellness Plan, payment of bills, and the deletion of verbatim closed session recording older than 18 months. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- Abstain; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 5 – yay, 1 – abstain, 0 – nay, Motion Carried: 5-0.

Policy updates: Superintendent Gladu gave the board copies of the policy updates. There are several updates this month. This is first read only, no board action. Policies are all either 5-year review and/or minor footnote/legal update to align with statute.

Cafeteria Schematic Design: Architect Jacques Reynolds was in attendance to answer questions and he had large printouts of the current design. Detherage asked if there were any concerns with the current design. Dowell stated that her main concern is the distance from the road being only 4ft. Burt asked if the

city had been contacted. Jacques said that he emailed Mayor Reed and never got a response. He was given Mayor Kat's phone number and he was going to contact her. Consensus was to move the coolers to the South side of the building and put a decorative fence around it. Deitrich asked about timeline for the project. Reynolds stated that bids will come back by the November or December board meeting. We will work through the bids in January or February. The plan is to start the project my March or April of 2026.

Reports:

Board Committee- Detherage reported there is an Athletic Co-Op meeting on July 28th at 6pm @ LaHarpe. He also stated that the new lockers are painted.

Board Members – nothing to report

Principal/Athletic Director – nothing to report

Superintendent – nothing to report

A motion was made by Blythe with a second by Detherage to adjourn to closed session at 6:25 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, (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; and (15) closed session minutes and semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- yes; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Dowell with a second by Detherage to adjourn the closed session meeting at 7:08 pm. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- yes; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Dowell with a second by Detherage to return to open session at 7:10 pm. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- yes; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 6-0.

Detherage called the open session meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

A motion was made by Deitrich with a second by Walker to approve the closed session minutes from 15 April 2025. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- Abstain; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes. 5 – yay, 1 abstain, 0 nay Motion Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Blythe with a second by Burt top open the closed session meeting minutes from 20 Aug 2024; 15 Oct 2024; 19 Nov 2024; 17 Dec 2024; 29 Jan 2025; 18 Mar 2025; and 15 April 2025. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- yes; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by Detherage with a second by Deitrich to hire Bryan Underwood as a Certified Staff member. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- yes; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by Dowell with a second by Blythe to hire Lorrie Harl as a paraprofessional. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- yes; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by Deitrich with a second by Walker to approve the 2025-2028 LEA contract as presented. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- yes; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 6-0.

Moved by Detherage with a second by Deitrich to adjourn the 15 Jul 2025 board meeting at 7:12 pm. Roll Call: Deitrich – yes; Burt- yes; Blythe – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Walker – yes; Motion Carried 6-0.


Board President


Board Secretary

Approved 8-19-25

