

The Board of Education of LaHarpe Community School District #347 held a special School Board meeting on 18 June 2026 in the Board room. President Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call was answered by, Dowell, Burt, Detherage, Gebhardt, Walker and Deitrich. Principal Ryan Hopper was also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Public Comment: None

Business Items:

A motion was made by Burt with a second by Walker to approve the Items on the Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Burt – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Gebhardt – yes; Walker – yes; Deitrich – yes Motion Carried 6 – yay, 0 – abstain, 0 – nay, 1 – Absent: Motion Carried: 6-0.

A motion was made by Dowell with a second by Detherage to adjourn to closed session at 6:02pm to discuss (1)The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with [the Open Meetings Act]. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Roll Call: Blythe- yes; Burt – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Gebhardt – yes; Walker – yes; Deitrich – yes Motion Carried 6 – yay, 0 – abstain, 0 – nay, 0 – Absent: Motion Carried: 7-0.

A motion was made by Dowell with a second by Detherage to adjourn to closed session. Roll Call: Burt – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Gebhardt – yes; Walker – yes; Deitrich – yes Motion Carried 6 – yay, 0 – abstain, 0 – nay, 1 – Absent: Motion Carried: 6-0.

Detherage called closed session to order at 6:03pm on June 18, 2026. Roll Call: Burt – yes; Detherage – yes; Dowell – yes; Gebhardt – yes; Walker – yes; Deitrich – yes Motion Carried 6 – yay, 0 – abstain, 0 – nay, 1 – Absent: Motion Carried: 6-0.

A motion was made by Gebhardt with a second by Deitrich to adjourn closed session at 8:12pm. Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion was made by Detherage with a second by Gebhardt to adjourn the June 18, 2026 special board meeting at 8:12pm. Motion carried. (voice vote)


Board President
Acting Board Secretary

7-27-26
Date Approved