

**OPEN MINUTES**  
**La Harpe Community School District #347**  
**Special Board Meeting-Joint Athletic Co-Op Committees**  
**July 28, 2025**  
**La Harpe School Board Room**

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 and the Board of Education of Dallas Elementary School District #327 Athletic Committees held a Special Meeting on July 28, 2025 in the La Harpe School Board Room.

La Harpe Board Vice-President Josh Gebhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call was answered by Josh Gebhardt, Chad Burt, Josh Walker, Cathie Smith, Lee Wibbell and Sarah Schaefer. Also present: Superintendent Janet Gladu and Principal Ryan Hopper.

Visitors in attendance: None

A Moment of Silence was observed.

A motion was made by Wibbell with a second by Burt to approve the agenda. A voice vote confirmed all in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the joint co-op agreement between La Harpe CSD #347 and Dallas ESD #327.

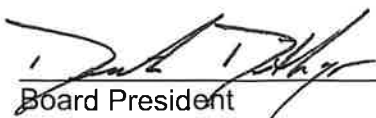
Items discussed:

- Continuing to work as a team & building communication.
- Discussion on midseason numbers and sharing players/students – if the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teams are short on players 6<sup>th</sup> grade students can move up and play both teams.
- Prediction for girls' basketball is that they will need 2 additional players. Dallas City stated that 2 additional players sounded reasonable.
- Prediction for boys' basketball – no additional players needed.
- Tryouts will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of practice; per IESA.
- LaHarpe had not received schedules from Dallas City as of July 28<sup>th</sup>; per agreement they should have already been received. Wibbell stated he would get these to LaHarpe.
- Hopper discussed upcoming fundraisers for girls' basketball.
- Wibbell stated that open gyms had been offered to all students; thus fundraising should be open to all. This does not equate to a "spot" on the team.
- Maximum number of athletes per team would equal what is allowed at post season play per IESA.
- Minimum number of athletes per team discussed – 8 for basketball and 9 for volleyball (per grade level)
- Tryouts would be discussed among athletic directors.
- The next co-op meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Dallas City.

A motion was made by Wibbell with a second by Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm.

**Voice Vote: All members indicated in favor of adjournment. No one opposed Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

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