

**OPEN MINUTES**  
**La Harpe Community School District #347**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**August 5, 2025**  
**La Harpe School Board Room**

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a Special Meeting on August 5, 2025 in the La Harpe School Board Room.

La Harpe Board President Dustin Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call was answered by Dustin Detherage, Dana Blythe, Chad Burt, Leandra Deitrich, Joni Dowell, and Josh Gebhardt. Also present: Superintendent Janet Gladu.

Visitors in attendance: None

A Moment of Silence was observed.

No public comment was given.

A motion was made by Gebhart with a second by Burt to approve the agenda.

Roll call: Blythe - yes; Burt - yes; Deitrich - yes; Detherage - yes; Dowell - yes; Gebhardt - yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Blythe with a second by Dowell to adjourn to closed session at 6:33 pm to discuss item per 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District.

Roll call: Blythe - yes; Burt - yes; Deitrich - yes; Detherage - yes; Dowell - yes; Gebhardt - yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Detherage called the closed session to order at 6:34 pm on August 5, 2025.

Roll call was answered by: Blythe, Burt, Deitrich, Detherage, Dowell, and Gebhardt.

A motion was made by Dowell with a second by Gebhardt to adjourn the closed session at 7:16 pm.

Voice vote - all in favor.

A motion was made by Detherage with a second by Deitrich to return to open session at 7:17 pm.

Voice vote - all in favor.

A motion was made by Dowell with a second by Burt to hire Tori Taylor as a certified staff member.

Roll call: Blythe - yes; Burt - yes; Deitrich - yes; Detherage - yes; Dowell - yes; Gebhardt - abstain. Motion carried 5 yes; No-0; Abstain- 1.

A motion was made by Burt with a second by Detherage to hire Ashley Sparrow as a paraprofessional.

Roll call: Blythe - yes; Burt - yes; Deitrich - yes; Detherage - yes; Dowell - yes; Gebhardt - yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Blythe with a second by Dowell to appoint Brandon Write as the district's legal counsel.

Roll call: Blythe - yes; Burt - yes; Deitrich - yes; Detherage - yes; Dowell - yes; Gebhardt - yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Detherage with a second by Blythe to approve the salary increases for non-LEA, excluding administration, as presented. (Increase schedule is attached).



All call: Blythe - yes; Burt - yes; Deitrich - yes; Detherage - yes; Dowell - yes; Gebhardt - yes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Detherage with a second by Blythe to adjourn the August 5, 2025 special board meeting at 7:20 pm.

Voice vote - all in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

Approved 8-19-25

