

The Board of Education of La Harpe Community School District #347 held a regular School Board meeting 19 November 2024 in the Board room. President Detherage called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call was answered by Allen, Blythe, Collins, Deitrich, Detherage, Gebhardt, Walker. Superintendent Janet Gladu and Board Secretary Shelly Rahn, and Principal Ryan Hopper were also in attendance.

Visitors in attendance Liz McCarter, Alyssa Marsden, Ellie Marsden, Maddie McCarter, Kinley Thompson, Amy Simmons, Cathy Jones, Aubrey Porter, Peyton Porter, Niki Pence, Courtney Painter, Brittany Teesdale, Chad Burt, Dave Clover, Jacki Wibbell, Architect's Jason Shimp and Jacques Reynold's.

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 19 November 2024 Regular Board Meeting and Financial Report, Individual fund balances, payment of bills, and Closed Session Records- deletion of items 18 months and older.

Individual Fund Balances listed below reflect transactions through 30 November 2024:

Fund	FY 2025
Education	\$2,525,326.97
Building	\$255,623.14
Debt Services	\$108,637.22
Transportation	\$132,599.16
IMRF	\$117,889.01
Capital Projects	\$0
Working Cash	\$180,541.78
TORT Immunity	\$196,347.19
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$259,665.32
Total	\$3,776,629.79

Motion by Collins and seconded by Blythe to approve the items on the consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call: yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Allen. Motion carried 7-0.

7th Grade Girls' Basketball Team Recognition: Superintendent invited the basketball team and the coaches to come to our board meeting to give the board the opportunity to congratulate for their championship and their 25-3 season record. This is the 1st time girls basketball team has won a state championship.

Volunteer Recognition and Thanks: Nate McCarter always willing to drive the team bus and we are very thankful for that. We also want to thank him for driving to state tournament Saturday and Thursday. Brittany Teesdale was a huge help in the office during this time. She ordered all the sub sandwiches, and handled all the donations, took countless phone calls, emails during post season run, and ran the concessions during the season. Amy Simmons our student council sponsor helped decorate the fan bus and helped with the pep assembly. She also went to

multiple games home and away. Courtney Painter kept the scorebook during the season, helped to make signs for the pep rally and the sign that was in Tim Grave's front yard. Attended many games this year home and away. Courtney is always very supportive. Aubrey & Peyton Porter attended many games this season home and away. They are supportive of the girls they also traveled to the state championship game. Niki Pence attended almost all home games this season and traveled to some of the away games. Bill Collins attended every game and kept the stats. Bill was very supportive of girls. She is very supportive of the team this year. Superintendent Gladu & Principal Hopper presented 7 outstanding volunteers with medals for their dedication to La Harpe schools. Those recognized were Nate Mc Carter, Brittany Teesdale, Amy Simmons, Courtney painter, Aubrey & Peyton Porter, Niki Pence and Bill Collins. The board thanked the outstanding volunteers.

Architechnics: The architects explained the new proposed building and all the sections, including adding an additional door to allow for access to the multipurpose room, so if wanted we could close off the rest of the school we could. The board discussed all aspects of the designs and costs. They also discussed waiting until after the April 2025 Election Ballot Referendum, to see if we will be able to use the bonds for some of the costs. If we wait to start after this year then it will cost more than the \$3.9 million due prices are increasing all the time. Information only. **No board Action.**

Asbestos Abatement: Discussion on abatement and demo to see projected costs. It would be several thousands of dollars for bid packet. Since board elected to move proposed building to west side of the main building, we do not need to do abatement and demo right now. Tabled for now. **No board Action.**

President Detherage stated that the Board of Education would next consider the adoption of a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on April 1, 2025.

Secretary Shelly Rahn said the Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of School District Number 347, Hancock, Henderson, and McDonough Counties, Illinois at the consolidated election to be held on the 1st day of April, 2025. A copy of the resolution was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting.

Secretary Shelly Rahn asked everyone in attendance if they would like a copy of said resolution.

President Detherage said after a full discussion I need a motion to adopt the resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of School District Number 347, Hancock, Henderson, and McDonough Counties, Illinois, at the consolidated election to be held on the 1st day of April, 2025.

Motion by Detherage and seconded by Gebhardt that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted. Roll Call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen. Motion carried 7-0.

Policy Updates 2nd read: Board Action: Motion by Blythe and seconded by Deitrich to approve the 2nd and final reading of policies, as presented. Roll call: yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, Yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Gladu presented the MOU between Memorial Medical Clinic and La Harpe Schools allowing Memorial to utilize district property for a mobile unit.

Board Action: Motion by Collins and seconded by Walker to approve the MOU between Memorial Medical Clinic and La Harpe CSD, related to Memorial Medical Clinic Carthage Mobile Unit. Roll call: yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich. Motion carried 7-0.

Staff Appreciation: Superintendent Gladu discussed staff suggestions for standardized test score increases.

Board Action: Motion by Blythe and seconded by Allen to provide all La Harpe full-time employees a half work day on March 7th, 2025 as a sign of the Board of Education's appreciation for their efforts in steadily increasing the districts overall academic gains. Roll call: yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt. Motion carried 7-0.

- Reports to the Board: Principal Hopper presented/reported on events and athletics. Food drive in November, 1200 can goods were collected, 8th grade was the winner for most cans collected.
- Book Blast -Mrs. Kost worked with Books are fun and students raised money for books for themselves and their classroom. Based on the amount of students who were involved each classroom received money to spend on books. Every student in the school received a free book to take home.
- Student Council is leading the 10 days of Christmas dress up days. Today was wear something that lights up.
- The JH is doing Christmas challenges by grade level. Each grade will decorate their classroom door, will perform a skit, wrap odd items and compete in a snowball fight in the gym. Mrs. Pratt leads this event
- The elementary grades are having classroom parties.
- We had a music program with K-4, and our JH Bands. Combining it all into 1 program seemed to work well.
- We had 7th grade Girls basketball win the state tournament. It has been a very fun and memorable couple of weeks. Thanks to the community for supporting our students and athletes so much over the last weeks and thanks to the staff and bus drivers who helped out a great deal.

Superintendent Gladu presented to the board team member of the month Amy Simmons. Amy does so much with our kids and she goes above and beyond for the student council. Congrats to Carthage/ Nauvoo at the state games We are going to have reindeer games at our staff Christmas party and Lunch will be provided on December 20th.

Closed Session:

Board Action: Motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:52 pm to discuss items per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, and (15) closed session minutes.

Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Collins to adjourn to closed session.

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

Board Action: Detherage called closed session to order at 6:54 on 17 December 2024.

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

Board Action: Motion by Detherage and seconded by Allen to adjourn the 17 December 2024 closed session at 8:24. (voice vote)

Board Action: Motion by Gebhardt and seconded by Allen to return to open session at 8:26. (voice vote).

Motion by Collins and seconded Blythe to approve the closed session minutes from 19 November 2024.

Motion by Detherage and seconded by Collins to hire Dave Clover as head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year and the 2026-2027 school year. Roll Call yes; Blythe, yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Allen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Detherage and seconded by Blythe to hire Jacki Wibbell as assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year and the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call: yes; Collins, yes; Deitrich, yes; Detherage, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Allen, yes; Blythe. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Deitrich and seconded by Allen to hire Amanda Donaldson as a substitute paraprofessional and a cafeteria substitute. Roll call: yes; Deitrich, yes; Gebhardt, yes; Walker, yes; Blythe, yes; Detherage, yes; Allen, yes; Collins. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Action: Motion by Detherage and seconded by Deitrich to adjourn the 17 December 2024 board meeting at 8:29 pm (voice vote).


Board President


Board Secretary


Approved