

La Crosse USD 395
Facility walk-thru, Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 18, 2023

The board of education held a facility walk-thru at the high school building on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 5:00pm. The following members were present: John Irvin, Aaron McGaughey, Sandy Showalter, Glenn Herrman, Harland Werth and Brian Baalman. Also Present: Bill Keeley, Jon Webster, Sarah Sipe, and Sid Wiens. No business was conducted and no motions were made. Walk-thru ended at 5:50pm.

The board of education held a Public Hearing regarding a policy on enrollment of nonresident students on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:00pm. The following members were present: John Irvin, Aaron McGaughey, Sandy Showalter, Glenn Herrman, Harland Werth and Brian Baalman. Also Present: Bill Keeley, Jon Webster, Helen Showalter, Sarah Sipe, and Sid Wiens.

After no discussion or questions from the public, the hearing was then closed at 6:19 pm.

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:20 pm. The following members were present: John Irvin, Aaron McGaughey, Sandy Showalter, Glenn Herrman, Harland Werth and Brian Baalman. Also Present: Bill Keeley, Jon Webster, Helen Showalter, Sarah Sipe, and Sid Wiens.

Sandy Showalter made the motion to approve the agenda. Brian Baalman seconded it. Motion passed. 6-0

Brian Baalman moved, seconded by Sandy Showalter to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Facility Update with Wiens Construction and Landmark

There was discussion with Sid Wiens and Sarah Sipe about the upcoming construction of the new elementary addition. Sarah along with Sid and President John Irvin will continue working on finalizing the plans and will report back to the board at the upcoming monthly meetings. Sid and Sarah then left the meeting

Band Trip & Piano Bid

Sally Jacobs joined the meeting at 7:30pm. Also joining the meeting was Derek Crouch and Rachel Holopirek. Sally presented the board with a Music Department Trip 2024 Plan to Omaha, Nebraska in March 2024. Sandy Showalter made the motion to approve the 2024 Music Trip as presented. Aaron McGaughey seconded it. Motion passed 6-0.

Sally Jacobs is requesting the purchase of a new electric piano to replace a piano that was damaged from a water leak at the elementary stone building. Sandy Showalter made the motion to approve the piano bid of \$4,899.00 from Toms Music. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1, GH. Sally then left the meeting.

Vehicle Coordinator Update

Derek Crouch gave a small update on the Vehicle Coordinator position. Glenn Herrman made the motion to continue the Vehicle Coordinator position for the remaining of the school year. Harland seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1, AM. Derek then left the meeting.

Graduation Requirements, 7 Buckets, CTE Pathway Update

Rachel Holopirek discussed the upcoming changes to graduation requirements for 2028. She updated the board of upcoming state requirements, 7 Buckets for college courses and possible additional state funding for CTE courses. The changes have not finalized at this time. She will update the board again at another time. Rachel then left the meeting at 8:37pm.

Contracts

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve a contract for Dylan Schmidt as the Social Studies teacher. Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Brian Baalman left the meeting at 8:44pm.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve a contract for Bailey Baalman as Head Coach Middle School Boys Basketball Coach and Rob Holopirek as Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Brian Baalman returned to the meeting at 8:46pm.

Resignations

Sandy Showalter made the motion to accept a retirement letter from Mrs. Seresa Parton and also to recognize her 15 years of service at our district. Aaron McGaughey seconded it. Motion passed 6-0.

Harland Werth made the motion to accept the resignation letter from Mr. Clint Renfrow for his two coaching positions. They include Quiz Bowl Coach and LMS Boys Basketball Head Coach. Sandy Showalter seconded it. Motion passed 6-0.

Adopt Resolution Regarding Enrollment of Nonresident Students

Mr. Keeley informed the board further about the JBCC policy. Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve the policy by Resolution as presented. Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Hudl Streaming Option

Mr. Webster presented the board with an Athletic Director Package Proposal. Hudl could replace the NFHS streaming option and give all LHS sports access to Hudl and Hudl Assist. Most of the LHS sports currently use Hudl and Hudl Assist. This would be an extra added streaming option for patrons and students. No action was taken at this time. There was a request to bring to this to the board again for the next school year.

First Reading December Policy Updates

First reading of policies to be reviewed by each member of the board. Update policies include: EBBD Evacuations and Emergencies; EE Food Services Management; GARIA Pregnant and Parenting Employee; GARID Uniformed Service Leave; JBH Release of a Student During the School Day; JDDAA Student Misuse of Medication; JGFGBA Student Self-Administration of Medications.

Copiers

President John Irvin requested the buyout cost on all the copiers that are being leased by Dealers First. At this time the cost would be over \$19,000.00 to buy them out. No motion was made.

Harland left the meeting at 9:13pm.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus have requested the use of the high school gym for their Annual Free Throw Contest to be held January 21, 2024 and any follow up rounds. Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the use of the gym for the Knights of Columbus free throw contests and wave all fees to do so, seconded by Aaron McGaughey. Motion passed, 5-0.

Harland returned to the meeting at 9:16pm.

Building Reports

Mr. Webster gave a report as presented. He also discussed the possibility of needing to purchase new football and volleyball uniforms in the near future for LHS. He reports that they are both in bad condition and has started looking into the cost to replace them. Jon left the meeting at 9:25pm.

Financial

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 9:25 pm. until 9:45 pm. to discuss financial affairs and contracts pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA and to include Superintendent Bill

Keeley, Jessica Dellett and Helen Showalter. Seconded by Sandy Showalter. This executive session is being held to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. The open meeting will resume at 9:46 pm. Motion passed 6-0.

Financial

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 9:46 pm. until 10:01 pm. to discuss financial affairs and contracts pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA and to include Superintendent Bill Keeley, Jessica Dellett and Helen Showalter. Seconded by Sandy Showalter. This executive session is being held to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. The open meeting will resume at 10:01 pm. Motion passed 6-0.

No motion was made.

Glenn Herrman informed the board that he will be attending an Advocacy in Action Session in Topeka on January 16-18, 2024.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for January 9, 2024 and February 12, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT

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