

La Crosse USD 395
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm. Members present; John Irvin, Brian Baalman, Glenn Herrman, Harland Werth, Aaron McGaughey. Bill Keeley, Jon Webster, and Deputy Clerk Helen Showalter were also present.

Deputy Clerk Helen Showalter was unofficially appointed as acting board clerk for the meeting to fill in for the Board Clerk, who was absent.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the printed agenda with the additions of items E-H as presented, Brian Baalman seconded it. Motion passed 5-0.

Sandy Showalter arrived at 6:04pm

Curtis Randa arrived at 6:07pm.

Curtis Randa moved, seconded by Brian Baalman to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B with further research on the USD 489 warrant and corrections made to minutes. Corrections being made to the January 9, 2024 minutes include removing Harland Werth and replacing with Glenn Herrman for re-elected board member and changing the word "accept" to "except" when referring to policy updates approved. Motion passed 7-0.

Uniforms

Mr. Webster presented uniform designs and quotes for the high school volleyball, middle school football, and high school football programs. After discussion it was recommended to establish a line item in the budget designated for uniforms. Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the uniform quotes for all sports; high school volleyball, middle school football, and high school football. Sandy Showalter seconded. Motion passed 4-3 (AM, CR, JI)

Retirements

Resignation letter from Darla Barricklow was read. She was recognized and commended for her 16 years of service. Aaron McGaughey made a motion to accept the resignation from Darla Barricklow. Curtis Randa seconded. Motion passed 7-0

Retirements

Resignation letter from Mary Beth Peach was read. She was recognized and commended for her 33 years of service. Sandy Showalter made the motion to accept the resignation from Mary Beth Peach. Glenn Herrman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Calendar Discussion

Discussion was held about options for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school calendars. With construction beginning for the elementary addition, it was requested by Sid Wiens with Wiens Company to have an earlier release in May of 2025 and a later start in the fall of 2025. This would allow more construction time without students being affected. The board requested 4 calendar options for the 2024-2025 school year be presented at the March meeting.

Glenn Herrman left the meeting at 6:45pm.

Academic Rewards

Mr. Webster presented the Academic Reward Fridays proposal. This program would be an incentive to students to keep their grades up and allow early release on Fridays for those that meet the standard. He would like this to be a pilot program for the 4th quarter. This would allow time to evaluate the program before considering implementing it next school year. Aaron McGaughey made a motion to approve the Academic Reward Fridays pilot program. Harland Werth seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

E-Rate Battery Back-Up Quote

Helen explained the quote provided by GBT for a battery back-up project. This project takes into consideration the new building addition needs. This project would have a portion of the bill reimbursed by the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

Aaron McGaughey and Curtis Randa excused themselves from the meeting.

Brian Baalman made a motion to approve the GBT quote of \$8,196.09 for the battery back-up project. Sandy Showalter seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Aaron McGaughey and Curtis Randa returned to the meeting.

Facility Review

John Irvin presented an updated drawing of the new building addition that was received from Sarah Sipe with Landmark Architects.

Bond Financial

Helen updated the board on the bond closing and financial report. The wire of \$11,378,085.92 was received and the proper transferring of the money to Commerce Bank, Sunflower Bank, and Farmers Bank & Trust for reinvestments was explained.

GBT A Fiber Line

Proposals from GBTA on burying fiber lines were discussed. There is concern with the new building construction and placement of these lines. Sarah Sipe with Landmark Architects was consulted about these issues prior to meeting. Discussion was also held on an additional 2" piping.

Aaron McGaughey and Curtis Randa excused themselves from the meeting.

Harland Werth made motion to approve the project of burying the line from the press box to the high school with the extra 2" piping. Brian Baalman seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Aaron McGaughey and Curtis Randa returned to the meeting.

Building Reports

Mr. Webster gave a report as presented.

Personnel

Aaron McGaughey moved the board go into executive session from 7:49 pm until 8:04 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Superintendent Bill Keeley and Principal Jon Webster. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Brian Baalman. Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

Sandy Showalter moved the board go into executive session from 8:05 pm. until 8:15 pm. to discuss personnel, pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Superintendent Bill Keeley and Principal Jon Webster. This executive session is being held in order to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 8:16 pm. Seconded by Brian Baalman. Motion carried 6-0.

No action taken.

Jon Webster left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for March 18, 2024 and April 15, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT

DEPUTY BOARD CLERK