

La Crosse USD 395
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Members present: John Irvin, Sandy Showalter, Aaron McGaughey, Harland Werth, Curtis Randa, Glenn Herrman and Brian Baalman. Superintendent Bill Keeley, Principal Jon Webster, and Deputy Clerk Helen Showalter were also present. Guests included Miranda Colglazier, Cheryl Moeder, Melissa Schlegel, Sara Sipe, Brandi Seltman, Bailey Morgan, Olivia Keeley and Derek Crouch.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the agenda adding items I Building Usage and J Resignation, Aaron McGaughey seconded it. Motion passed. 6-0

Sandy arrived at 5:40pm.

Playground Committee Update

A committee of about 12 members has formed in hopes to develop the new elementary playground further than what the bond proceeds will be funding. Members present include Miranda Colglazier, Cheryl Moeder, Melissa Schlegel, Brandi Seltman, Bailey Morgan and Olivia Keeley. A presentation was given before the board. Their goal is to raise approximately an additional \$200,000.00 to go toward this new playground. Funds would be generated through direct mailings, sponsorships, partnerships, grants, etc. They would like to see it as a Community Playground and ADA compliant and include basketball courts and turf areas. The committee is requesting permission from the board to move forward with this project and also requesting approval to work with Cunningham Rec for playground design, purchase and installation.

They then left the meeting.

Mrs. Morgan updated the board with results from the last MTSS meeting. Students K-7 data shows an increase in reading results. She also believes that the new elementary reading curriculum has been successful and gives Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Smith in Title I credit for the increase in reading results.

She then left the meeting.

FY26 Calendar

Mr. Crouch represented the Negotiated Agreement Committee. He expressed concerns from other teachers about the day off after Parent Teacher conferences and the Monday after Easter. Also discussed the 12 days of Teacher In-service before school starts. His concerns were noted by the board.

Mr. Crouch then left the meeting.

Curtis Randa moved, seconded by Aaron McGaughey to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Financial

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 6:44pm. until 6:54pm. 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, Principal Jon Webster and clerks as needed. Seconded by Curtis Randa. This executive session is being held to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. The open meeting will resume at 6:55 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to allow the Playground Committee to contact Cunningham Rec and to authorize a budget of \$148,000.00 of district money generated by the bond. Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

Glenn Herrman made the motion that USD 395 maintain approval of all fundraising, design, purchasing, and advertising. Motion was seconded by Curtis Randa and approved 7-0.

Harland Werth and Sandy Showalter then left the meeting at 7:10pm.

Fleet Insurance Quotes

Presented quote from Theresa Greenway, Farm Bureau for Fleet Insurance through Berkshire Hathaway. There were questions about the 50-mile radius, adjust the 2008 Suburban coverage and check on coverage for a "Nonowned Auto".

Storage Units

Mr. Webster presented storage unit options and prices from Skillett & Sons. Tote prices from Home Depot were also presented and discussed.

Building Update

Construction is going well and they are currently working toward the vo-ag building. No concerns at this time.

FY26 Calendar

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve the presented FY26 Calendar as presented with the changes discussed. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

District Office Relocation

Discussed moving the district office to the new building. It was agreed to discuss this again in October of 2025 after the big move has been made and everyone is settled.

Second Reading of December 2024 Policies and Approval

Second reading of policies to be reviewed by each member of the board. Update policies include: BDA Developing Adopting Amending and Repealing Board Policy; CC Organizational Chart; CD Administrative Line and Staff Relations (DELETE); CG Administrative Personnel; CGI Administrator Evaluation (DELETE); CNA Preservation of Documents Pending Legal Action; DE Fraud Prevention and Investigation; DFAC Federal Fiscal Compliance; DFAC Grant Sub recipient Monitoring Procedures, Procurement Federal Program, Allowability of Cost, Cash Management, Types of Costs Obligations and Property Management; DFH Fundraising Activities; GAE Complaints; ICA Pilot Projects; IDACA Special Education Services; JGFGAA Stock Supply of Emergency Medication; JGFGBA Student Self-Administration; KN Complaints.

Curtis Randa made the motion to approve listed policies as read and Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Building Usage

The Rush County Sheriff's Office is requesting the use of the high school building for a program they are calling Cartoons with Cops on April 26, 2025. Glenn Herrman made the motion to allow the Rush County Sheriff's Office to use the high school building and to waive all fees. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0

Resignation

Mr. Webster informed the board that Anthony Rush has given his resignation as of February 10, 2025. No further action was taken.

Student

John Irvin made motion the board go into executive session from 8:30pm until 8:40pm to discuss matters affecting a student (s), pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA and to include the Principal and Superintendent. This executive session is being held to protect the privacy interests of

the individual (s) to be discussed. The open meeting will resume at 8:41pm. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

No action was taken.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025 and Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK