

La Crosse USD 395
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
CORRECTED

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:57pm. Members present: John Irvin, Erin Petersilie, Brian Baalman, Glenn Herrman, Sandy Showalter and Aaron McGaughey. Superintendent Bill Keeley, Helen Showalter, and Jon Webster were also present. Guests included Christie Bittel, Barnard Library and Harmony Randa. Theresa Greenway with Farm Bureau also attended the meeting at a later time.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the agenda as presented and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed. 6-0

Glenn Herrman moved, seconded by Erin Petersilie, to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Harmony Randa spoke on behalf of some FFA parents concerning a schedule conflict on May 4, 2026. State FFA, Honors Convocation and high school spring concert are on the same night. They are requesting the Honors Convocation and high school spring concert be rescheduled for another date. The board conveyed to her they would consider rescheduling the date. Harmony then left the meeting.

Old Furniture, Barnard Library

Christie Bittel with the Barnard Library is asking the board to donate an old student table and a few of the older small student chairs to the library to be used for the Library Children's Story Hour. Erin Petersilie made the motion to approve the donation of the used furniture requested by the Barnard Library and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Christie then left the meeting.

Band Trip

Band and choir students will be traveling out of state to Oklahoma City from April 10-12, 2026, for a band trip. Mrs. Jacobs is requesting a bus and possibly a suburban. Glenn Herrman made the motion to authorize a **bus**, bus driver, fuel and a suburban to be provided by the district. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Brian Baalman made a motion to switch May 4th and May 11th scheduled events on the school calendar and Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to pay \$60.00 extra duty for the fall parent teacher conferences to all teachers to be paid out in the June extra duty pay. Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1, gh.

Nebraska Volleyball Camp

Head volleyball coach, Kayla Josefiak, requested through Mr. Webster that the board allow her to take the volleyball players to Nebraska this summer for a volleyball camp and to use district suburbans for transportation. Aaron McGaughey made the motion to allow the volleyball players to attend the out-of-state volleyball camp, and the use of the suburbans. Glenn Herrman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

City of LaCrosse Ordinance

City ordinance does not allow residential zoned properties within the city limits to have shipping containers placed on them. District currently owns one container and is renting two for storage. Glenn has volunteered to attend the next city meeting to look into rezoning the bus barn property as commercial.

FY 27 School Calendar

Four calendar options were presented to the board. The suggestion was made that more contact days with students should be added to the calendar and it will be reviewed next month. No action was taken.

Fleet & Boiler Insurance

Theresa Greenway with Farm Bureau discussed the fleet insurance policy. Mr. Keeley and Jessica will revise the driver list and return to Theresa. Also need to double check with EMC about coverage for the boilers. Theresa then left the meeting.

Game Time Invoice

An invoice from Game Time was presented to the board by the Playground committee. Over \$133,000.00 has been deposited into district funds from donations given for the playground. Sandy Showalter made the motion to pay the Game Time Invoice of \$143,858.00 and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by John Irvin that the concrete truck arriving tomorrow at 6:00 am should be canceled. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Building Construction Update

Concerns about the gym floor are still present. The hot water heater in the kitchen needs to be looked at. Grass needs to be planted and other landscaping considered.

Stone Building Roof

Glenn Herrman made the motion to get the stone building roof repaired and accept the bid from Roofmasters for \$34,996.34. Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1, ji

MS Track Coach Approval

A motion was made by Brian Baalman to accept a contract with Traci Vap as MS Track Coach for spring of 2026 and Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Mission Statement

Jon Webster presented a new mission statement that was provided by DLT. Motion made by Aaron McGaughey and seconded by Sandy Showalter to approve the mission statement as presented, effective beginning the 26-27 school year. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Insurance

Sandy Showalter made the motion to pay an invoice of \$16,437.00 to Rush County Insurance Company and Glenn Herrman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Glenn Herrman moved to add Item I. Resignation to the agenda and Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Resignation

Glenn Herrman made a motion to accept a resignation from Jeremy Breit and the board appreciates his years of service with the district. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

It was announced that the district office will be relocating to the main campus during spring break.

Personnel

Aaron McGaughey made the motion the board go into executive session from 8:48 pm. until 8:53 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Mr. Keeley and Mr. Webster Seconded by Brian Baalman. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 8:54pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel

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No action was taken at this time.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 9th and Monday, April 12, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK