

La Crosse USD 395  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, January 13, 2025

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Members present: John Irvin, Sandy Showalter, Aaron McGaughey, Harland Werth, Curtis Randa and Brian Baalman. Principal Jon Webster, and Deputy Clerk Helen Showalter were also present. Kyle Bahr from Golden Belt Telephone also attended the meeting.

Curtis Randa made the motion to approve the agenda adding items F Gym Use and G District Office Relocation, Brian Baalman seconded it. Motion passed. 6-0

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

#### Building Update

Kyle Bahr presented options for a new phone and speaker system for the new addition and also a system through the entire campus. If the phone, speakers and bell system were replaced at the high school building it would work well with the new system in the elementary addition. There are many options for how it can be set up. After much discussion he then left the meeting.

Aaron McGaughey and Curtis Randa left the meeting.

Sandy Showalter made the motion to approve the GBT bid for a new phone and speaker system for the elementary school without the extended warranty for a total of \$37,773.99 and the high school bid without the extended warranty for a total \$56,210.20. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0

Aaron McGaughey and Curtis Randa returned to the meeting at 7:05pm.

Renderings of the interior of the new addition was presented to the board. After some discussion it was recommended that the interior color palette should remain with what was chosen by the color committee. There was no action taken.

Aaron McGaughey and Curtis Randa left the meeting.

#### GBT Prepaid IT Service

Brian Baalman made the motion to approve the Prepaid IT Labor invoice from GBT for \$13,500.00 and Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0

Aaron McGaughey and Curtis Randa returned to the meeting at 7:26pm.

#### FY26 Calendar

Discussed the changes to the calendar and will look at it again at the next monthly meeting.

#### Building Update

Parr Sound and Lighting presented a quote for a sound system in the new gym. The board will not accept the quote at this time and this may be discussed at a later date. No action was taken.

#### Gym Use

Abby Hammerschmidt is asking to use the gym for volleyball during the spring. Practice would be starting in March, once a week for 1.5 hours. Aaron McGaughey made the motion to allow Abby Hammerschmidt to use the gym and Curtis Randa seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

District Office Relocation

Thoughts of moving the District Office to the new addition as soon as possible were brought up. Pros and cons were discussed. Saving money and all staff on one campus was the biggest concern. Keeping district staff segregated from the other staff and students is another concern. Consensus of the board was to make a decision at the next meeting. No action was taken.

Gym Use

Ideas of how the gyms will be utilized next year and the plans for scheduling times available for the gym was discussed with Mr. Webster. He expressed that there was open discussion between himself and the athletic director of how the schedule could look next year.

Personnel

Harland Werth moved the board go into executive session from 8:25 pm until 8:30 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Principal Jon Webster, Clerk Dellett and Deputy Clerk Showalter. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 8:31 pm. Seconded by Brian Baalman Motion carried 6-0.

No action was taken at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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BOARD CLERK