

La Crosse USD 395  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:02pm. Members present: John Irvin, Erin Petersilie, Harland Werth, Glenn Herrman, Sandy Showalter and Aaron McGaughey. Superintendent Bill Keeley, Helen Showalter, Gary Bixlar and Brad Penka were also present. Trevor Steinert and Mindy arrived at a later time.

Began the meeting with the swearing in of Erin Petersilie as new board member, position #5.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the agenda with the additions of letters H. Race Across Kansas and I. Use of New Gym for After Prom and Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion passed. 6-0

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

#### Old Elementary Building

Gary Bixlar, along with Brad Penka, presented to the board a preliminary business plan for the use of the old elementary building. They then left the meeting.

#### Building Insurance

EMC is getting a proposal together for the new portion of the building. They are looking into one deductible.

#### Fleet Insurance

Berkshire Hathaway fleet insurance was presented. There are questions about the policy, the clerk will follow up with Farm Bureau and report back at the next meeting.

#### Building Construction Update

The following issues were discussed with the completion of the project. Needing bids for drainage in the front and back of the school and problems with the faucets in the new school.

#### Transportation

Two addendums from Durham were presented to the board. Glenn Herrman made the motion to accept a 4-year contract with Durham which includes a 4% increase in cost. Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2, hw, am.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the Durham invoices of \$24,726.64 and \$1,287.41 for the November routes that were already incurred by the district. Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2, hw, am.

#### Old Elementary Building

Trevor Steinert, along with guest Mindy, attended the meeting to inquire about the old elementary building. Trevor wants to know what the district intends to do with the building. He also presented his thoughts and intentions for repurposing the building. They then left the meeting.

#### Race Across Kansas

An email was sent to Mr. Webster requesting the use of district facilities for Race Across Kansas. No motion was made.

#### After Prom in New Gym Request

Senior parents are requesting to use the new gym for the after prom gathering. No motion was made at this time.

#### Personnel

Aaron McGaughey made the motion the board go into executive session from 8:08 pm. until 8:33 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Mr. Keeley and clerks.

Seconded by Glenn Herrman. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 8:34pm. Motion carried 6-0.

No action was taken at this time.

A transportation survey was discussed and presented. Survey should be sent out right away.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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BOARD CLERK