

La Crosse USD 395
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2025

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 14, 2025 at 7:00pm. Members present: John Irvin, Harland Werth, Sandy Showalter, Curtis Randa, Aaron McGaughey, and Brian Baalman. Principal Jon Webster, Superintendent Bill Keeley, and Deputy Clerk Helen Showalter were also present. Guests attending include Bailey Morgan and Cheryl Moeder.

Playground Committee

Bailey Morgan and Cheryl Moeder gave an update from the Playground Committee.

Curtis Randa moved, seconded by Sandy Showalter to approve the June 2025 minutes. Motion passed. 6-0

Nominations

President Irvin requested nominations for Board President. Curtis Randa nominated John Irvin. Curtis Randa moved nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for John Irvin as President. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Request for Vice-President nominations: Harland Werth nominated Aaron McGaughey for Vice President. Harland Werth moved nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Aaron McGaughey for Vice President. Curtis Randa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Agenda

Aaron McGaughey moved, seconded by Brian Baalman to approve the July 2025 agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Brian Baalman made the motion to approve consent agenda items A-P. Sandy Showalter seconded it. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolutions

**RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF
GAAP AND FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING**

Mr. President, I Aaron McGaughey move the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending June 30, 2026 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the board, the unified school district, or the members of the general public of the district; and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or resolutions or other ordinances or resolutions of the said district which required financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with KSA 75-1120a(a) said act for the school year ending June 30, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled the 14th day of July, 2025, that said board request the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) said law as they apply to the unified school district No. 395 for the school year ending June 30, 2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said board shall cause its financial statement and financial statements and financial reports of the said district to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this state.

Motion seconded by Brian Baalman. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

**RESOLUTION FOR RESCINDING POLICY
STATEMENT FOUND IN FY 25
BOARD MINUTES**

I Sandy Showalter, move the adoption of the following resolution

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that all policy statements found in the minutes of this board of education prior to July 14, 2025 be rescinded, and that the board of education adopt the policy manual as presented and recommended by the superintendent of schools, to govern this school district during the 2025-2026 school year, subject to periodic review, amendment, and revision by the board of education.

Seconded by Brian Baalmann. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

RESOLUTION

to ESTABLISH ACTIVITY FUNDS / GATE RECEIPT ACCOUNTING

I Aaron McGaughey move to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, has determined that the creation of an activity fund is an efficient method to pay expenses for student activities; and

WHEREAS, Kansas law authorizes the establishment of school activity funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, that an activity fund designated respectively as the Middle School, High School and Elementary School Activity Fund is created for the purpose of receiving and expending funds for student activities including athletics, music, forensics, dramatics and other board approved student extra-curricular activities.

The fund shall be administered by the Building Principal. The principal shall keep a record of all receipts and expenditures of the fund and shall prepare and file with the Board a statement showing all receipts, expenditures and balance at the end of each month and at the end of each school year. Any person authorized to administer an activity fund shall be bonded by the school district.

Funds in the Activity Fund shall remain district funds but shall not be considered school money for purposes of K.S.A. 72-8202(d) and the provisions of K.S.A. 12-105(b) shall not apply.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2025, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas.

Motion seconded by Harland Werth. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

RESOLUTION

PETTY CASH FUNDS

I, Curtis Randa move the following:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, has determined that the creation of a petty cash fund is an efficient method to pay for needed expenditures in emergencies.

WHEREAS, Kansas law authorizes the establishment of petty cash funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, that a petty cash fund, in the amount of \$500 shall be established at the La Crosse Middle School, \$500 shall be established at the La Crosse Elementary School and \$1000 shall be established at the La Crosse High School.

The fund shall be administered by the Building Principal. The principal shall keep a record of all receipts and expenditures of the fund and shall prepare and file with the Board a statement showing all receipts, expenditures and balance at the end of each month and at the end of each school year. Any person authorized to administer a petty cash fund shall be bonded by the school district.

The Petty Cash Fund shall be replenished by payment from the appropriate funds of the school district. The fund shall be kept separate from all other funds. The fund shall be maintained at the \$500, \$500 and \$1000 amount respectively. According to K.S.A. 72-8208.

Motion seconded by Brian Baalmann.

Adopted this 14th Day of July, 2025, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH HOME RULE

Mr. President, I Sandy Showalter move the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, has determined that the exercise of powers granted by the legislature is of benefit to the board and local patrons; and

WHEREAS, Kansas law authorizes the board to transact all school district business; and WHEREAS, the board intends to adopt policies that the board deems appropriate to perform its constitutional duty to maintain, develop and operate local public schools; and

WHEREAS, the board acknowledges that the power granted by law shall not be construed to relieve the board from any obligations to comply with state law; and

WHEREAS, the board acknowledges that the powers granted by law and this resolution shall not be construed to relieve any other unit of government of its duties and responsibilities prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the board acknowledges that the powers granted by law do not create any responsibility on the part of the district to assume the duties or responsibilities that are required of another unit of Government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, that the board shall exercise the power granted by law and by this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 395, Rush County, Kansas, the 14th day of July, 2025.

Motion seconded by Curtis Randa. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Govern Relations

Brian Baalmann made the motion to appoint Glenn Herrman as the KASB Government Relations Representative and Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

District Insurance

Curtis Randa moved, seconded by Aaron McGaughey to approve the following as 2025-26 insurance carriers: Farm Bureau Ins. – boiler, notary E & O, treasurer, clerk and employee bonds; KASB – workers compensation; Rush Co. Ins. – property, liability, instruments etc.; Brookshire Hathaway. – vehicles. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Negotiated Agreement

John Irvin and Glenn Herrman will meet with the teacher committee on July 14, 2025 to discuss the negotiated agreement.

Classified Salaries

Classified salaries were tabled to the next meeting.

Supplementals

No supplementals were presented at this time.

Teacher Contracts

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve Anthony Hays for the Industrial Arts Teacher position and add an academic quarterly report to his contract and Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0

Preparation for School Year

There was discussion about help needed to move the Elementary building and ideas presented on how to move the classrooms. Also discussion of possibly having the classrooms in the existing High/Middle School being professionally cleaned.

Personnel

Sandy Showalter moved the board go into executive session from 8:45 pm. until 9:00 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Mr. Keeley, and Mr. Webster. Seconded by Aaron McGaughey. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 9:01pm. Motion carried 6-0.

No action was taken.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for August 11, 2025 and September 15, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK