

La Crosse USD 395
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:59pm. Members present: John Irvin, Erin Petersilie, Brian Baalman, Glenn Herrman, Sandy Showalter, Harland Werth and Aaron McGaughey. Superintendent Bill Keeley, Helen Showalter, and Jon Webster were also present. Guests included Darryl Patterson, Zach Holopirek, Trenton Skillett, Alexander Hiemstra, Ethan Petersilie, Rachel Holopirek, Jack McGaughey and Cooper Barriger.

Sandy Showalter moved, seconded by Erin Petersilie, to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the agenda as amended adding items K School Gym and L Cook Contract and Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion passed. 7-0

School Gym

Darryl Patterson gave an update on the progress of replacing the new gym floor. He is looking into a new product and will get a quote as soon as possible. Landmark Architects will update the board at the next meeting with the cost replacement.

Shop Equipment Request

Presentation was given to the board by some of the woodworking students. They are requesting the purchase of a wide belt sander and to be purchased with CTE funding.

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve the purchase of the Wide Belt Sander from Grizzley for the total of \$19,407.19 and Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1, gh

AptaFund Program Approval

Erin Petersilie made a motion to approve the purchase of AptaFund, Harris School Solutions for a total of \$11,400.00 and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Negotiations, Letters to the Teachers

Letter to the teachers is due March 31, 2026. Announcement was made that if any board member would like something discussed to let the committee members know.

FY27 School Calendar

Harland Werth made the motion to approve the calendar labeled Staff #1 as presented. Erin Petersilie made the motion to amend his motion to approve the calendar labeled Staff #1 as presented with the change of February 15, 2027 marked as a day off. Amended motion was seconded by Aaron McGaughey. Motion carried 7-0.

Harland Werth made the motion to approve calendar labeled Staff #1 as presented with the change of February 15, 2027 as a day off. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-2, ji, gh

Building Construction Update

The sewer smell in the school is still a problem. A company is coming during Spring Break to look into the problem further. The preschool playground will begin installation on Thursday of this week. Chris Long has given a quote on grass seed. The doors by the auditorium have been worked on and are currently being used but may need to be replaced eventually.

Fleet Insurance

Sandy Showalter made the motion to approve the fleet insurance with Berkshire Hathaway for a total of \$9671.00 and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

KASB Membership

Sandy Showalter made the motion to approve Option 1 Membership Renewal \$5,577.41 with KASB Legal Assistance \$3,100.00. Glenn Herrman seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

Amazon Invoice, Playground Equipment

Aaron McGaughey made a motion to approve the invoice to Amazon for \$5,947.32 and Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Second Reading and Approval of December Policies

Second reading of policies to be reviewed by each member of the board. Update policies include: BCBK Executive Session; BG Membership; IHF Graduation Requirements; IIBE Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) NEW; IKB Controversial Issues; IKCA Human Sexuality Education; IKCA Human Sexuality Education - FORM; IKD Religion in Curricular or School Sponsored Activities; IKDA Activity Participation Opt-Out Form; IKDA Religious Objections to Activities; JBCC Enrollment of Nonresident Students; JCAC Interrogation and Investigation; JDDC Bullying Plan Form; JQI Adult Students; KM Visitors to the School.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve listed policies as read and Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

Powerschool Invoice

Harland Werth made the motion to approve the invoice to Powerschool for the amount of \$5048.43 and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Cook Contract

Sandy Showalter made a motion to approve a contract to Katrina Baez for the cook position as presented. Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Personnel

Sandy Showalter made the motion the board go into executive session from 8:04 pm. until 8:14 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Mr. Keeley, Mr. Webster and clerks. Seconded by Brian Baalman. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 8:15 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

No action was taken at this time.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2026 at 7:00pm. Also a work night has been scheduled for March 23, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK