

La Crosse USD 395  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, November 11, 2024

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:00pm. Members present: John Irvin, Harland Werth, Aaron McGaughey, Brian Baalman and Glenn Herrman. Superintendent Bill Keeley, and Deputy Clerk Helen Showalter were also present. Other guests included Alex Hiemstra, Trenton Skillett, Hunter Hobbs, Kelby Day, Ryland Baalman, James Courtney, Brandi Seltmann, Cheryl Moeder, and Rob Holopirek.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of H. Club Team Volleyball and Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0

Harland Werth moved, seconded by Aaron McGaughey to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

#### La Crosse Carpentry

Five students from Mr. Courtneys Carpentry class presented a building construction plan for a new suburban shed. The presentation included building dimensions, estimates and their recommendations. After the plan was presented the students and Mr. Courtney left the meeting.

Sandy Showalter arrived at 6:12pm

#### Little League Basketball Gym Usage

Brandi Seltmann is requesting the use of the gyms for the elementary basketball teams that are part of the Ness City Rec. There would be practice in the evenings and games possibly on some Saturday mornings. Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the usage of the gyms for the Little League Basketball and require a hold harmless agreement with Ness City Rec. Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0. Brandi then left the meeting.

#### Club Team Volleyball

Coach Natasha Dreher is requesting the use of the high school gym on Sundays from 2:00pm-4:00pm for her Club Volleyball Practice. Brian Baalman made the motion to approve the usage of the gym on Sundays and to charge Coach Dreher \$50 per day and to require a hold harmless agreement. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-1, gh.

Glenn Herrman left the meeting at 6:55pm.

#### Supplementals

Rob Holopirek presented Avery Casselman for the Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach position and Colby Stull for the High School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach position. Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve Avery Casselman for the Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach position and Colby Stull for the High School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach position and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Glenn Herrman returned to the meeting at 6:59pm.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to direct Mr. Webster to vote "NO" against an additional basketball league tournament at the league meeting. Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to allow the elementary basketball to use the gym and to require a hold harmless agreement. Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

#### Sub-State Gym Usage

Otis Bison High School would like to request the usage of our high school gym during sub-state if needed.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to allow Otis Bison High School to use the gym if needed during sub-state basketball. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Rob Holopirek then left the meeting.

Pre-K Presentation

Bailey Morgan and Cheryl Moeder reported to the board that a small committee toured a Pre-K in Ness City and a Pre-K in Ellis. Ness City Pre-K is a stand-alone program and Ellis utilizes Head Start. This committee is in agreement that the Head Start would be the best option for our school and our community. Sandy Showalter made the motion to collaborate with Head Start with the pre-school program next school year and Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0

Mr. Keeley is recommending a contract to Shawna Fenwick for the full time cook position. Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve Shawna Fenwick for the full time cook position and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

FY26 Calendar

Three different calendars were presented to the board for the 2025-2026 school year. No action was taken at this time.

Dealers First Buyout

Buyout options for three copiers was presented. The board would like to see the cost to ship back to Dealers First. No action was taken at this time.

The board reviewed the Carpentry Class presentation again and conveyed their appreciation toward the students for their time and effort. The presentation was impressive and very well organized. The new shed project is tabled to another time.

Building Reports

No reports at this time.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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BOARD CLERK