

La Crosse USD 395  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 5:04 pm. Members present: John Irvin, Sandy Showalter, Glenn Herrman, Harland Werth, and Brian Baalman. Superintendent Bill Keeley, Principal Jon Webster, Deputy Clerk Helen Showalter, Sid Wiens and Sarah Sipe were also present.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the agenda adding items I Sales Tax Contract, Sandy Showalter seconded it. Motion passed. 5-0

Sandy Showlater moved, seconded by Brian Baalman to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

#### Sid Wiens & Sarah Sipe

Sid and Sarah presented multiple designs and floor plans for the new addition to the existing high school building. Discussion included the addition of more classrooms, a more efficient connection to the vo-ag building and location of hallways and offices.

Aaron McGaughey arrived at 5:37pm.

Bret Shogren and Stephen Shogren joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:00pm.

#### Review and accept best bid for bonds

The Clerk reported that pursuant to the Notice of Bond Sale heretofore duly given, bids for the purchase of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024, dated February 1, 2024, of the District had been received. A tabulation of said bids is set forth as presented.

The Governing Body reviewed and considered the bids and it was found and determined that the bid of THE BAKER GROUP LP, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, was the best bid for the Bonds, as presented.

Member Aaron McGaughey moved that the bid be accepted and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the bid form selling the Bonds to the best bidder on the basis of the bid and the terms specified in the Notice of Bond Sale. The motion was seconded by Member Sandy Showalter. The motion was carried by the following vote of the Governing Body: 6-0

#### Adopt the Bond Issuance Resolution

Member Sandy Showalter moved that the Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Member Brian Baalman. The Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the adoption of the Resolution was carried by the following vote of the Governing Body: 6-0

The President declared the Resolution duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 01-09-24-1, and was signed by the President and attested by the Clerk.

Curtis Randa joined the meeting at 6:23pm.

#### Reinvestment Discussion

Bret Shogren discussed in further detail a reinvestment plan of the bond proceeds that will be deposited on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Approximately 16 request for proposals will be mailed to surrounding area banking institutions. The institutions were selected within the school districts taxing units.

#### MIP Resolution

Bret Shogren also recommended a MIP account be opened as a backup plan for the bond proceeds.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the Municipal Investment Pool Resolution as read. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

Bret Shogren and Stephen Shogren then left the meeting.

#### Sales Tax Contract

Brian Baalman made the motion to approve the Sales Tax Agreement between the City of LaCrosse and USD 395. Seconded by Harland Werth. Motion passed 7-0.

#### P1 Discussion

A recommendation was made by Sid Wiens about hiring an engineer to look over the boiler system and the HVAC at the high school building. President John Irvin feels that we need this assessment of the system before moving on with additional projects with P1 Group.

Harland Werth made the motion to approve the hiring of an engineer to look over the boiler system and all the units. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

More discussion was made about the possibility of additional classrooms, and the connection to the vo-ag building. Sid and Sarah are requesting more guidance from the board to finalize the floor plan to the new addition. After much discussion, Sandy Showalter made the motion to add one million dollars of district money on top of the bond issue for additional classrooms. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

President John Irvin requested a 5-minute recess.

#### New Checking Account & ICS Account

Harland Werth made the motion to open a new checking account and ICS account at Farmers Bank & Trust with John Irvin and Jessica Dellett on the account. Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

#### Re-elected Board Positions

The following board members were reelected to their positions in January 2024. They are as follows: John Irvin, Brian Baalman, Sandy Showalter and Glenn Herrman.

#### Second Reading December Policy Updates and Approval

Second reading of policies to be reviewed by each member of the board. Update policies include: EBBD Evacuations and Emergencies; EE Food Services Management; GARIA Pregnant and Parenting Employee; GARID Uniformed Service Leave; JBH Release of a Student During the School Day; JDDAA Student Misuse of Medication; JGFGBA Student Self-Administration of Medications.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve all policies listed except EE Food Service Management. Motion was seconded by Aaron McGaughey and motion passed 7-0.

#### Bond Council

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to hire Gilmore & Bell for bond council. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for February 12, 2024 and March 18, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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BOARD CLERK