

La Crosse USD 395  
Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023  
6:00pm

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:02pm. Members present: John Irvin, Harland Werth, Aaron McGaughey, Sandy Showalter, and Glenn Herrman. Superintendent Bill Keeley, Principal Jon Webster, and Deputy Clerk Helen Showalter were present. Also in attendance was Kevin Kuder with Durham School Services, Brian Baalman and Crystal Lineberry.

Sandy Showalter moved, seconded by Glenn Herrman to approve the printed agenda. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Crystal Lineberry and Brian Baalman presented themselves to the board and expressed their interest in filling the open board position. After their presentations the board voted on each candidate. Brian Baalman was elected and then sworn in to fill the Board Position #3. 4-1

Aaron McGaughey moved, seconded by Harland Werth to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B. 6-0

#### Financial

Glenn Herrman made the motion that the board go into executive session from 6:23 pm. until 6:38 pm. to discuss **financial affairs and contracts** pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA. This executive session is being held to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. To include Mr. Keeley and Kevin Kuder. Seconded by Aaron McGaughey. 6-0

The open meeting will resume at 6:39 pm.

Glenn Herrman made the motion that the board go into executive session from 6:39 pm. until 6:54 pm. to discuss **financial affairs and contracts** pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA. This executive session is being held to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. To include Mr. Keeley and Kevin Kuder. Seconded by Sandy Showalter 6-0

The open meeting will resume at 6:55 pm.

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve option #1 as presented by Durham School Service. Harland Werth seconded it. Motion approved, 4-2 JI GH

#### Trego County NBHD Revitalization

Trego County Commissioners are requesting that all taxing units within their district vote on a change to the wording of the Trego County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Sandy Showalter made the motion to approve the change as presented. Brian Baalman seconded it. Motion passed. 6-0

#### Capitalization Policy

The Capitalization Policy was tabled to another meeting as needed.

#### Architect Update

Sarah Sipe with Landmark Architects was not able to attend the January meeting. She has offered to come sooner than the next monthly meeting. It was decided that a special meeting was not necessary and to have her attend the February meeting.

#### FY22 ERATE Switch Project

A switch replacement project was completed through ERATE Category 2 for the fiscal year 22. Brian Baalman made the motion to approve the invoice from GBT for \$12,148.34 for the Switch Project, with the understanding that a portion of the bill will be reimbursed by the Emergency Connectivity Fund. Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0 with 1 abstained due to conflict of interest. AM

#### FY23 ERATE AP Project

Another Category 2 bid project has begun to replace AP's and add additional AP's throughout both buildings. It was agreed upon to continue with the project and report back to the board when it is completed.

ESSER Update

Helen Showalter gave an update on the ESSER funds. We are currently drawing down ESSER II funds and have distributed approximately half of the money. ESSER III funds are not available to our district at this point. The application is currently in its final stage of approval.

Policy Updates

Second and final reading of policies to be reviewed by each member of the board. Update policies include: GAAB Complaints of Discrimination; GCRF Non-School Employment; IDAB Support Programs; IFA Classroom Displays; JBE Truancy; JCE Complaints of Discrimination; JDD Suspension and Expulsion Procedures; KN Complaints; LED Family Night. Brian Baalman made the motion and seconded by Glenn Herrman to approve the KASB Policies as written. Motion approved 6-0

Sandy Showalter and Brian Baalman left meeting at 8:05pm.

Building Reports

Mr. Keeley gave his building report for the elementary school. He states that repair needs to be done on the basketball goal inside the gym and that it is no longer safely secure on the wall.

Mr. Webster also gave a report as presented and informed what he has researched to help transition the schools into ESOL. The district needs more help with another teacher that would possibly be part time and special equipment to help translate.

Brian Baalman returned to the meeting at 8:19pm.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for February 13, 2023 and March 20, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

John Irvin

\_\_\_\_\_  
BOARD PRESIDENT

Jessica Dellett

\_\_\_\_\_  
BOARD CLERK