

La Crosse USD 395
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:58pm. Located in a meeting room at 400 Washington Street. Members present: John Irvin, Glenn Herrman, Sandy Showalter, Harland Werth, Erin Petersilie, Brian Baalman and Aaron McGaughey. Superintendent Bill Keeley, Helen Showalter, and Jon Webster were also present. Guests included Taylor Kershner.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, adding item O. Paint Bids and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

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

Cheer Uniforms

Taylor Kershner presented the board with one of the older cheer uniforms. Her and Bailey Morgan, LHS Cheer coaches, are requesting 12 new away uniforms. The bid is approximately \$3,200. The official quote will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Kindergarten Aide Discussion

Taylor Kershner, Kindergarten teacher, is requesting the board approve a teachers aide for her classroom for the next school year. Aaron McGaughey made a motion to approve a new kindergarten aide position and Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

She then left the meeting.

Storage Units

Storage units are empty and need to be returned to TSB Storage in Hays. There was also discussion about asking Purplewave to look at other district items that need to be sold.

Landscaping & Construction

Mr. Keeley has been working with Riedel Garden Center in Hays to work on the landscaping. The board gave him direction to work on the playground area first. Mr. Keeley also informed the board the Wiens Construction will be doing a final walk through for items that need to be fixed or completed.

Paint Bids

Mr. Webster presented three bids for painting the hallways, doorways and the board meeting room. Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve a bid from JDR. Painting only the block and not the brick in the hallways, including door frames and the meeting room. Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Negotiated Agreement

John Irvin, Glenn Herrman and Erin Petersilie met with the teacher negotiating committee on May 6, 2026. Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the negotiated agreement as presented and Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Resignation

Harland Werth made a motion to approve the resignation from Rachel Sennett and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Approval of Contracts

Brian Baalman made a motion to approve Clinton Tony for high school business teacher position and Glenn Herrman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Brian Baalman made a motion to approve Megan Roy for the high/middle school art teacher position and Sandy Showalter seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Erin Petersilie made a motion to approve Darlene Tony for the 5th grade teacher position. Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Personnel

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 8:29 pm. until 8:39 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Mr. Keeley. Seconded by Sandy Showalter. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 8:40 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 8:40 pm. until 8:55 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Seconded by Sandy Showalter. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 8:56 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 8:56 pm. until 9:11 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and reserve the right to call in admin and clerks as needed. Seconded by Sandy Showalter. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 9:12 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 9:13 pm. until 9:23 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and reserve the right to call in admin and clerks as needed. Seconded by Sandy Showalter. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 9:24 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrative Contract Extension & Salary

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve salary increases and contract extensions for Mr. Keeley and Mr. Webster as presented. Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Classified Staff Salaries

Sandy Showalter made a motion to approve the presented salary increase for all classified staff and Brian Baalman seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Vo Ag Building Roof Repair

A proposal was presented to repair and recoat, urethane, and new foam roof area on the VoAg building. Brian Baalman made a motion to accept the proposal from Washington Roofing & Insulation for \$28,350.00 and Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Alternative June Meeting

The board came to an agreement to move the regular June meeting to Monday, June 15th at 7:00pm in the meeting room at the campus, 400 Washington, LaCrosse.

MS Cross Country

After some discussion whether to offer MS Cross Country, Brian Baalman made a motion to approve MS Cross Country on a trial basis and Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Copiers

Copier discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Personnel

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 9:44 pm. until 9:54 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include clerks and admin. Seconded by Sandy Showalter. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 9:55 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

No action was taken.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00 and Monday, July 13th, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK