La Crosse USD 395
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, October 7, 2026

The board of education held the regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 2026, at 6:57pm. The following members were present: John Irvin, Erin Petersilie, Harland Werth, Aaron McGaughey, Brian Baalmann and Glenn Herrman. Also present: Bill Keeley, Jon Webster, and Helen Showalter. Guests include Rachel Holopirek, Lynnae Garvet with Adams Brown CPAs and Eric Dinges & Derrick Depperschmidt with Glassman.

Erin Petersilie made the motion to approve the printed agenda with the additions of H. Smoky Hill Mentor Invoice and I. At-Risk Accountability Plan. Glenn Herrman seconded the motion. 6-0.

Financial Audit

Lynnae Garvert with Adams Brown CPAs presented the board with Financial Statements with the Independent Auditors Report for year ending June 30, 2026. She answered any questions from board members and then left the meeting. Audit will need to be approved at the next regular meeting.

At-Risk Accountability Plan

Rachel Holopirek gave a presentation on the expectations from the state for the upcoming At-Risk Student Accountability Plan. She is requesting the board consider adding a math At-Risk interventionist for the next school year.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to hire a math At-Risk interventionist for the 2027-2028 school year. Aaron McGaughey seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Glassman Agreement

Eric Dinges and Derrick Depperschmidt, both with Glassman, presented and clarified a 2-year agreement with the district for the heating and air services. They then left the meeting.

The board is requesting more bids from other companies within our surrounding area.

EMC Insurance

Erin Petersilie made the motion to approve the invoice from Rush County Insurance for $145,102.00 and Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Job Rates

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the presented rate for Classified Extra Duty Pay on the 26-27 Rates and Fees sheet. Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

John Irvin made the motion to approve the rate as presented for Kaylee Murchie to clean district vehicles as needed. Glenn Herrman seconded the motion. Motion was not approved 3-3.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve the long-term sub rate for Dennis Bittel to keep us in compliance and approve prior pay. Motion approved 6-0.

Glenn Herrman made the motion the board go into executive session from 9:15 pm. until 9:25 pm. to discuss personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and to include Mr. Keeley, Mr. Webster and clerks. Seconded by Aaron McGaughey. This executive session is being held to protect the individuals right to privacy. The open meeting will resume at 9:26 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve an activity custodial rate of $20.00 per hour. Erin Petersilie seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Classified Handbook

Changes and additions to the classified handbook were presented. The handbook is to be reviewed. Approval is requested for the next regular board meeting.

Nurse Contract

Glenn Herrman made the motion to approve a classified agreement to Kaylin Miller as presented for the 2026-2027 school year. Brian Baalmann seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Old Elementary Building

Glenn Herrman made a motion the board go into executive session from 10:00 pm. until 10:15pm. 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 and to include Mr. Keeley, Mr. Webster and clerks. Seconded by Aaron McGaughey. This executive session is being held to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. The open meeting will resume at 10:16 pm.

No action was taken at this time.

Smoky Hill Mentor Invoice

Aaron McGaughey made the motion to approve an agreement with Smoky Hill Education Service Center for $5,081.75 for the purpose of instructional coaching new teachers. Harland Werth seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Glenn Herrman moved, seconded by Erin Petersilie, to approve by consent items in the agenda listed as A & B. Motion carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm

Upcoming meetings are Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00pm and Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD CLERK