

## **Eau Claire School Board Minutes**

**Monday, July 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

**Blended Model – ECASD Administration Building and Teams Virtual Meeting**

*Generated by Terri Grzyb*

### **Members present**

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

### **CONVENE (GC-1)**

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board Secretary Terri Grzyb confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. A roll call was conducted to verify quorum.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to move to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(e); Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

### **Motion carried**

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

### **RECONVENE (GC-1)**

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that no action was taken by the Board during the closed session. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)**

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to adopt the Board agenda for July 18, 2022.

### **Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

### **RECOGNITION (R-1)**

Superintendent Johnson recognized both Lakeshore Elementary for receiving state level recognition from WI RtI for strong systemic implementation of reading, math, and behavior, as well as the Eau Claire 4 Tomorrow Family Engagement program at Prairie Ridge.

Superintendent Johnson announced that the WI Public Education Network is holding its 8th annual Summer Summit at North High School on July 21. The theme is "Public Schools Unite Us." He thanked Christian Phelps, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, and others for their work in making this happen.

### **PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)**

The following citizen addressed the Board: Kim Hagen.

## **REPORTS**

### **Budget Development Committee Report (GC-5)**

Commissioner Lyons provided an update from the June 23 meeting, which took place after the Baker Tilly presentation and involved more referendum planning. The Committee will be meeting again on July 20 to continue the discussion.

### **Legislative Liaison**

Commissioner Johnson provided a Legislative update, which included an announcement that on July 1 DPI released estimates of general school aide amounts each public school district will receive for the 22-23 school year. ECASD is estimated to receive \$70+ million - a 6.22% increase over last year.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)**

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Joshua Clements to approve the following Superintendent's Consent Agenda items:

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Financial Report - May 2022
- Gifts in the amount of \$49,340.68 for the period of May 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$6,255,437.31 and net payroll in the amount of \$4,195,609.65 for the period of May 1, 2022, through May 31, 2022
- Annual Approval of Curriculum Standards
- 2022-23 Meal Prices
- Property Insurance Renewal

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

**BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)**

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - June 6, 2022
- Minutes of Board Meeting - June 23, 2022
- Revisions to GC-5

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Zerr presented updates to the ECASD Board Communication Plan, which included the possibility of having a monthly standing agenda item to report specific activities to the Community Engagement Plan and better connect with the community. Working group recommendations on various components, such as School Ambassadors, City/County Committees, a Newspaper Column, and Key Communicator Groups were shared with the Board, as well as how the Sun Prairie Area School District has implemented a similar plan. Discussion and questions followed.

The School Board also discussed the need to connect with the City of Eau Claire since the City has decided to move forward with their referendum.

**BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)**

Commissioner Johnson led the Board debrief.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to adjourn meeting.

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.