

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, AUGUST 1, 2011
PRESIDENT CRAIG PRESIDING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Secretary Patti Iverson confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed and was in compliance with the open meeting law.

Roll call was taken and the following commissioners were present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Faanes (arrived at 7:15 pm), Janke, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: None. Student Representatives Joe Luginbill was present. Amal Javaid was not present.

NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

President Craig announced that the Board would go into closed session following the committee meeting under 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate 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 to discuss interpretation of a contractual clause and 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to discuss final review of administrator contracts.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Heilmann said that DPI confirmed that proposals to permit SAGE in only kindergarten and grade 1 never advanced beyond the discussion phase during the most recent legislative session. Schools will follow the same K-3 guidelines of 18:1 in SAGE schools.

Dr. Heilmann showed the 3-D conceptual designs for the three elementary school projects and said they can be found online under the referendum tab. Mr. Kramer continues to work with the construction manager on the design and plans.

Dr. Heilmann shared information on the continuing debate on public school vouchers. Research has demonstrated that vouchers do not have a strong effect on students' academic achievement.

Superintendent Heilmann raised concerns with legislators about Wisconsin Act 35. He received a legal opinion that appeared to permit guns in school parking lots if the guns

are unloaded, encased and in a locked vehicle. Dr. Heilmann said he received written assurances from Senator Moulton and Representatives Petryk and Bernier that school districts can clearly enact their own policies regarding firearms on school grounds. He will follow up with legal counsel about the next steps to enact such a policy prior to the onset of the 2011-12 school year.

Communication to Superintendent/Board President

President Craig reminded the Board to read the Jamie Volmer book, "Schools Can't Do it Alone." She said there will be a community conversation on August 15th regarding the book.

There are several WASB meetings coming up that deal with changes as a result of Act 10, and President Craig encouraged Board members to attend if possible.

Student Representative Report

Joe Luginbill did not have report.

Other Reports

Policy and Governance Committee

The committee is working on Policy 535—Professional Staff Assignments, Transfers and Promotions as well as Policies 538/548—Employee Appraisal. They are also reviewing feedback received from the Board on the school/community relations policy and will bring back modifications.

Budget Development Committee

The committee has a meeting next week.

Com. Faanes arrived at 7:15 pm.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

Board members asked to pull Resolutions 2 & 3 from the consent agenda.

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Duax, to approve the consent resolution agenda consisting of the following items:

- ◆ The minutes of Board meeting of July 18, 2011 as mailed.
- ◆ §66.0301 Agreement between the ECASD and Menomonie Area School District for Visually Impaired/Orientation and Mobility Teaching Services

Consent resolution agenda items approved by unanimous roll call vote.

INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2 – Approval of Closed Session Minutes

Com. Wogahn asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that he was present at the closed session meeting and voted on a motion. Com. Faanes was not present and the minutes will be changed to reflect that.

Com. Duax moved, seconded by Com. Wogahn, to approve the minutes of closed session of July 18, 2011, as amended. Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #3 - §66.0301 Agreement Between the ECASD and CESA 5 for PBIS Services

Board members asked about budget implications and district staffing to replace the employee who will be hired by CESA.

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Faanes, to approve §66.0301 Agreement between ECASD and CESA 5 for PBIS services. Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Regular meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
AUGUST 1, 2011**

1. Call to Order – Committee Meeting

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Faanes, Janke, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: None. Student Representatives Joe Luginbill was present. Amal Javaid was not present.

2. Committee Reports/Items for Discussion

A. Eau Claire Early Learning: An Analysis of the Needs for an Early Learning Site

The Board discussed the results of the failed referendum for an early learning center and the potential impact on the program. Mr. Leibham explained that the early learning program consists of early childhood special education, four-year-old kindergarten, and Head Start. Mr. Leibham shared possibilities for facilities for Early Learning/Head Start that were suggested by the Demographic Trends Committee, which included reopening Little Red, acquiring Epiphany School through lease or purchase agreement, or continuing to relocate students and programs based on availability of space in current schools. Mr. Leibham said the committee recommended that the Board continue discussions and investigations into a consolidated site at Epiphany School. Non-referendum possibilities would include using fund balance, pursuing a lease agreement, or exploring other alternatives.

The Board felt that more information should be disseminated in the community on the need for a centralized center and another referendum might be necessary. Some Board members supported continuing to look at Epiphany as an option. Another suggestion was to look at having two sites on either side of town.

It was suggested that the Demographic Trends Committee discuss this issue again and look at other ideas to bring back to the Board for consideration. Administration was also asked to get information on election possibilities.

B. Recommended Revisions to *ECASD Policy 742-Authorized Use of School-Owned Equipment*

The Policy & Governance Committee drafted a new *Policy 742 – Authorized Use of School-Owned Equipment*. President Craig said there will be authorization procedures with the revised policy. They asked that feedback

be obtained from ECAE, principals and Mr. Kramer. The Board made some suggestions for the committee to consider.

Ms. Scidmore felt there may be a struggle in some cases when you look at the technology side of things. He said that as a district, we have encouraged personal use of district technology because it allows staff to learn about technology. President Craig said the permissions piece would be addressed in rules.

3. Request for Future Agenda Items

Joe Luginbill suggested that when the recommended revision to the controversial issues policy is discussed in September, it would be good to involve students.

Com. Janke asked that the cell phone policy be discussed as soon as possible. Dr. Heilmann said administration could be ready to bring this forward at the next meeting.

Com. Duax wanted to discuss summer hours at the administration building.

4. Other Business

5. Motion to Adjourn Committee Meeting

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Faanes, to adjourn committee meeting. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.

6. Motion to go into Closed Session

Com. Johnson moved, seconded by Com. Duax, to go into closed session under 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate 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 to discuss interpretation of a contractual clause and 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to discuss final review of administrator contracts. Carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Faanes, Johnson and Wogahn. Nay: Janke.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.