

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 22, 2013**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Dan Van De Water called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He 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, Hambuch-Boyle, Johnson, Spindler, and Xiong. Absent: Duax. Student Representative Betsy Fawcett was present; Jonathan Idarraga was not present.

Mr. Dan Van De Water administered the Oath of Office to Coms. Hambuch-Boyle, Spindler and Xiong.

Mr. Van De Water called for nominations for President of the Board.

Com. Johnson nominated Com. Cummins. Com. Spindler nominated Com. Craig.

Each candidate was asked to comment why they felt they would be the best President for the Board.

Two ballot votes were taken. Each tally resulted in a 3 to 3 vote for President.

Com. Spindler moved, seconded by Com. Craig, to postpone the vote for President until the May 6, 2013, meeting. Motion failed due to tie with the following votes recorded: Ayes: Craig, Spindler and Xiong. Nay: Cummins, Hambuch-Boyle and Johnson.

Com. Cummins asked to rescind her nomination.

Another ballot vote was taken and Carol Craig was declared elected President of the Board of Education.

Nominations were called for Vice President of the Board. Com. Johnson nominated Rich Spindler for Vice President of the Board. There being no other nominations Com. Cummins moved, seconded by Com. Johnson, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Rich Spindler. Carried by unanimous roll call vote. Rich Spindler was declared elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

Nominations were called for Clerk of the Board. Com. Johnson nominated Chris Hambuch-Boyle for Clerk of the Board. There being no other nominations Com. Johnson moved, seconded by Com. Spindler, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Chris Hambuch-Boyle. Carried by unanimous roll call vote. Chris Hambuch-Boyle was declared elected Clerk of the Board of Education.

Nominations were called for Clerk Designee of the Board. Com. Johnson nominated Dan Van De Water for Clerk Designee of the Board. There being no other nominations Com. Spindler moved, seconded by Com. Cummins, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Dan Van De Water. Carried by unanimous roll call vote. Dan Van De Water was declared elected Clerk Designee of the Board of Education.

Nominations were called for Treasurer of the Board. Com. Cummins nominated Wendy Sue Johnson for Treasurer of the Board. There being no other nominations Com. Cummins moved, seconded by Com. Xiong, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Wendy Sue Johnson. Carried by unanimous roll call vote. Wendy Sue Johnson was declared elected Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Nominations were called for Secretary of the Board. Com. Johnson nominated Patti Iverson for Secretary of the Board. There being no other nominations Com. Spindler moved, seconded by Com. Johnson, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Patti Iverson. Carried by unanimous roll call vote. Patti Iverson was declared elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

The Board members drew numbers to determine seating arrangements for future meetings.

Com. Spindler moved, seconded by Com. Xiong, to adjourn organizational meeting. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 22, 2013  
PRESIDENT CRAIG PRESIDING**

The following commissioners were present: Craig, Cummins, Hambuch-Boyle, Johnson, Spindler and Xiong. Absent: Duax. Student Representative Betsy Fawcett was present; Jonathan Idarraga was not present.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Gretchen Beckstrom encouraged the Board to vote for Option 3 for the health insurance renewal.

Julie Lowy, president of the support staff group, thanked those who worked hard to put Options 2 and 3 on the table and for the Committee that worked together to come up with a plan to lower costs. She recommended that the Board go with Options 2 or 3.

James Martin talked about the effects of Act 10, which has restricted income through revenue rates. The Board can never exceed the Consumer Price Index without going to referendum, which eliminates providing employees with raises greater than the cost of living. Because benefit money is not restricted by the law, he encouraged the Board to approve Health Insurance Option 3.

**BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hardebeck welcomed the new Board members. She noted that the orientation session on April 24<sup>th</sup> has been moved to 5 p.m. Dr. Hardebeck also reviewed the list of events on the Board's calendar for the next month.

Dr. Hardebeck congratulated Longfellow Elementary for their Puddle Jump Race and commended the community for its huge outpouring of support for the school and the event.

Communication to Superintendent/Board President

President Craig shared information on a WASB workshop on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

President Craig said she will be appointing Board Committee assignments. She shared a list of the current standing committees and asked Board members to indicate what they might be interested in.

## Student Representative Report

Betsy Fawcett said that multiple teams competed in the state Odyssey of the Mind competition and several teams made it to the World Competition. She added that North's Forensics team finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the competition in Green Bay and teams from North and Memorial will be competing in the national DECA competition.

## Other Reports

### Policy and Governance Committee

There was nothing to report.

### Budget Development Committee

There was nothing to report.

## **CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA**

Board members asked to pull Resolution 9 from the consent agenda.

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

- ◆ The minutes of Board meeting of April 8, 2013 as mailed.
- ◆ The minutes of closed session of April 8, 2013, as mailed.
- ◆ The financial report as presented.
- ◆ The budget adjustments as presented.
- ◆ The gifts in the amount of \$8,257.00 for the period March 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013, as presented.
- ◆ The payment of all bills in the amount of \$10,046,280.42 and net payroll in the amount of \$3,598,791.93 for the period March 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013, as presented.
- ◆ The matters of employment of April 22, 2013, as presented.
- ◆ Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal Due to Reduction in Force
- ◆ 2013-2014 Dental Insurance Renewal

Consent resolution agenda items approved by unanimous roll call vote.

## **INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTIONS**

### Resolution #9 -- Financial Services Internship Program

Com. Spindler questioned the three year renewal as opposed to the previous two year renewal. It was explained that because only one proposal was received (from RCU) it was felt the renewal could be extended to three years.

Com. Cummins moved, seconded by Com. Spindler, to approve Financial Services Internship Program. Carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Craig, Cummins, Hambuch-Boyle, Spindler and Xiong. Nay: Johnson

Resolution #11 – Approve One of Three Possible 2013-2014 Health Insurance Renewal Plans

Com. Spindler moved, seconded by Com. Johnson, to approve Option 2 for the 2013-2014 health insurance renewal.

Com. Hambuch-Boyle recuse herself because of a potential conflict with her retirement benefits.

Motion to approve Option 2 for the 2013-2014 health insurance renewal carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Craig, Johnson, Spindler and Xiong. Abstained: Cummins and Hambuch-Boyle.

Regular meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN  
APRIL 22, 2013**

1. Call to Order – Committee Meeting

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Hambuch-Boyle, Johnson, Spindler and Xiong. Absent: Duax. Student Representative Betsy Fawcett was present; Jonathan Idarraga was not present.

2. Committee Reports/Items for Discussion

A. Universal Free Breakfast Pilot

Sue Brown, Director of Food & Nutrition, explained the Universal Free Breakfast Program and the plan to pilot this program at Longfellow Elementary during the 2013-2014 school year. With this program all students in the school would be offered a free breakfast each morning. Ms. Brown explained studies that have shown that students who eat breakfast perform better in school, are tardy less often, are more attentive in class, are more likely to have better eating habits and are less likely to be overweight, have decreased absences, and have fewer behavior problems. The ECASD would receive reimbursement based on student eligibility.

3. Request for Future Agenda Items

Com. Spindler asked that the Board review its Committee structure and Board decision-making process. Com. Hambuch-Boyle suggested having a combined Board calendar for community events. It was noted that there is a calendar already established and it will be reviewed at the orientation session.

4. Other Business

5. Motion to Adjourn

Com. Johnson moved, seconded by Com. Cummins, to adjourn committee meeting. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.