

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, JANUARY 21, 2013
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, Janke, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: None. Student Representative Betsy Fawcett was present; Jonathan Idarraga was not present.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hardebeck shared a list of events on the Board's calendar for the next month.

Dr. Hardebeck said that January 17th was the deadline for presentation of petitions for a referendum to purchase Epiphany and no one came forward with any petitions. Mr. Dan Van De Water explained the next steps involved with making this purchase, which included submitting an offer to purchase to the seller, having the seller accept the offer, and moving forward with holding a bond sale on March 4, 2013. The Board could then take final action that evening and a bond closing is scheduled for March 20, 2013 with a closing date on the property no later than April 15th.

Charlie Kramer provided an update on the DeLong construction project. The project is on schedule after a few issues with cabinetry were dealt with. It is anticipated that the project will come in well under budget. Mr. Kramer and Dr. Hardebeck commended the staff and students at DeLong for their patience and understanding during the project.

Communication to Superintendent/Board President

President Craig said there are six candidates vying for three positions on the School Board. An election will be held on April 2, 2013. Candidates include Robert Janke, Mike Bollinger, Chue Xiong, Steven Lange, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, and Richard Spindler.

Student Representative Report

Betsy Fawcett said North and Memorial held a "Dance for Pants" on January 18th. Students collected 20 large bags of pants to donate to charity. Betsy said that this is final week at both high schools.

Other Reports

Policy and Governance Committee

There was nothing to report.

Budget Development Committee

Com. Faanes said the committee recently Friday to discuss the 2013-14 budget calendar. They talked about the schedule for the rest of the year and budget forecasts and projections. Enrollments continue to climb which helps with revenue limits.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

Board members asked to pull Resolution 8 from the consent agenda.

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

- ◆ The minutes of Board meeting of January 7, 2013 as mailed.
- ◆ The minutes of closed session of January 7, 2013, as mailed.
- ◆ The financial report as presented.
- ◆ The budget adjustments as presented.
- ◆ The gifts in the amount of \$8,136 for the period December 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, as presented.
- ◆ The matters of employment of January 21, 2013, as presented.
- ◆ The extension to Superintendent's Contract.
- ◆ Revisions to ECASD Policy 511 – Equal Opportunity Employment

Consent resolution agenda items approved by unanimous roll call vote.

INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #8 -- Schools/Programs Not Available for Open Enrollment

Com. Cummins wanted to be sure that closing McKinley to open enrollment would meet the stipulations of their contract and Mr. Leibham said it would.

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Faanes, to approve schools/programs not available for Open Enrollment as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote

Resolution #9 – Payment of Bills & Payroll

Com. Duax moved, seconded by Com. Cummins, to approve the payment of all bills in the amount of \$6,051,253.87 and net payroll in the amount of \$3,733,458.34 for the period December 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, as presented. Carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Janke, Johnson, and Wogahn. Abstained: Faanes.

Regular meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
JANUARY 21, 2013**

1. Call to Order – Committee Meeting

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Faanes, Janke, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: None. Student Representative Betsy Fawcett was present; Jonathan Idarraga was not present.

2. Committee Reports/Items for Discussion

A. Revisions & Possible First Reading of *ECASD Policy 342.5 – Title I Program*

Kris Dimock, Director of Secondary Education, shared a revised version of Policy 342.5 – Title I Program. She said the purpose of the change in policy is to allow greater flexibility in providing services to students noting that the district must also provide services to private schools. She explained that Title funding is based on how many students apply for free/reduced meals and funds are then allocated based on that information.

Com. Wogahn shared the first reading of *ECASD Policy 342.5 – Title I Program*:

It is the intent of the District to ensure all students reach their potential and meet the District's educational goals. In an effort to assist students who need support in meeting high academic standards, the School Board shall participate in the federal Title I program and abide by all legal requirements for participation in such program.

Comparability

As required by federal law, the District has established and is implementing a District-wide salary schedule and shall ensure that services provided through Title I funds are at least comparable to the services provided in program areas not receiving Title I funds. The District shall ensure equivalency among grade levels in teachers, administrators, support personnel, curriculum materials and instructional supplies. Unpredictable changes in enrollment or personnel assignments that occur after the beginning of the school year need not be included as a factor in determining comparability of services. Documentation verifying compliance with this policy shall be updated annually and be available for review by the Department of Public Instruction or auditors upon request.

In accordance with McKinney-Vento legislation, homeless children/youth enrolled in non-Title I schools are entitled to Title I services and the services provided to these students in non-Title I schools shall be reviewed on a semester basis.

Parents and guardians of students participating in Title I program services shall be informed annually of this policy and of the opportunities available for them to be involved in their child's educational program and in improving student achievement.

B. Revisions & Possible First Reading of *ECASD Policy 424 – Open Enrollment*

Mr. Leibham presented the revisions to ECASD Policy 424 – Open Enrollment. Much of the old policy included the rules so this draft separated the policy from the rules. The rules will address the overall commitment of the state to participate in the program and as things change in statute, they can be updated. He added that the rules will come forward to the Board once the policy is developed. The majority of the rules that were in place will remain but there are some revisions based on timelines, stipulations, and reasons for open enrollment requests.

Dr. Hardebeck said she would like to have an opening of school report each year and open enrollment information could be included in that report.

Com. Duax shared the first reading of *ECASD Policy 424 – Open Enrollment*:

The District shall participate in the state's open enrollment program in accordance with applicable law and relevant District policies and rules.

A nonresident student may apply for full-time or part-time enrollment in the Eau Claire Area School District under the open enrollment program. A resident student may apply for full-time or part-time enrollment in a nonresident public school district. Applications shall be made and acted upon in accordance with the timelines and procedures outlined in state law.

Administration shall develop rules to implement this policy. Administration shall provide an annual report analyzing trends and operational impacts of open enrollment.

3. Request for Future Agenda Items

Com. Faanes asked to get information about increasing graduation requirements for math and science from 2 credits to 3 or 4.

4. Other Business

Com. Duax said she attended training for public officials regarding emergency services, which was very beneficial.

5. Motion to Adjourn

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

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.