

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, MAY 6, 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.

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Hambuch-Boyle, Johnson, Spindler and Xiong. Absent: None. Student Representative Jonathan Idarraga was present; Betsy Fawcett was not present.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

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

Dr. Hardebeck recognized those staff members who have achieved certification as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist as well as those who have completed the Take One process as part of the National Board Certification.

North student Chou Lee has been selected as a Gates Millennium Scholar. He was one of the 1,000 scholars for the Class of 2013, and over 54,000 students applied. Funds will be available for Chou to attend any U.S. accredited college or university.

Dr. Hardebeck said the District will launch the working conditions survey for all ECASD employees on May 13. The survey will focus on post-secondary success, working relations, instructional practices, funding, and implementation of the eight hour work day. Results will be reported back to staff and the School Board in August. The District will also be reaching out to parents and community members to better understand their priorities as well. This survey will launch on May 20, and information on how the community can access the survey will be posted on the District and schools' websites. Parents who have given the District an email address will also receive a link to the survey. That survey will close on June 14 and results will be shared in August with the community and School Board. Students have also taken the survey and those results will be shared as well.

Communication to Superintendent/Board President

Coms. Spindler, Xiong, Hambuch-Boyle and Craig attended a WASB conference and that information will be shared with the rest of the Board in the near future.

Student Representative Report

Jonathan Idarraga said there were numerous club members who volunteered at the Eau Claire Marathon. He also mentioned that because of the recent inclement weather, many athletic events have been rescheduled. He encouraged the Board to check the website for event dates/times.

Other Reports

Policy and Governance Committee

Meeting dates will be scheduled in the near future.

Budget Development Committee

- Update on State Budget
Mr. Van De Water said the Governor's state budget is being deliberated on in committee. He expects to hear something within four to five weeks relative to the per pupil increase and revenue limits. Information on the proposed voucher expansion has also been received and Board members were asked to contact legislators regarding this critical policy decision.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

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

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

- ◆ The minutes of Board meeting of April 22, 2013 as mailed
- ◆ The matters of employment of May 6, 2013, as presented
- ◆ Final Notice of Non-Renewal of Teachers on Emergency Contracts
- ◆ Final Notice of Non-Renewal of Teachers Due to Reduction in Force
- ◆ Re-Employment of Teachers for 2013-14 School Year
- ◆ Approval of Board Committee Assignments
- ◆ Resolution approving referendum site master plans

Consent resolution agenda items approved by unanimous roll call vote.

INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #8 – 2013-2014 Five-Year Capital Projects

Mr. Kramer explained the window replacement projects included in the plan.

Com. Cummins moved, seconded by Com. Duax, to approve the 2013-2014 capital projects as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote

Regular meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
MAY 6, 2013**

1. Call to Order – Committee Meeting

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Hambuch-Boyle, Johnson, Spindler and Xiong. Absent: None. Student Representative Jonathan Idarraga was present; Betsy Fawcett was not present.

2. Committee Reports/Items for Discussion

A. Health Insurance Shared Services Analysis

The Joint Commission on Shared Services, comprised of elected officials from the City, County and School District, appointed a committee to investigate the potential of collaborative services in the area of health insurance. Dale Peters, Director of Human Resources with the City of Eau Claire, and Kay Marks, Executive Director of Human Resources with the ECASD, shared the Health Insurance Shared Services Analysis.

Mr. Peters said that after wages, health insurance is the largest single expense for the City, County and School District. Collectively, there are 6,400 employees involved with a cost of \$46 million for health insurance. He explained what the three entities can do by working together to lower health insurance costs. With one provider the three entities can 'carve out' specific procedures and negotiate prices, they can pay for outcomes and not frequency or per unit procedures, and they can develop methods to encourage transparency in price and quality measures for specific procedures. Even going with separate providers can help by exploring alternate purchasing methods, forming a public sector self-insurance pool and establishing a Public Employee Primary Care Clinic. The commission will continue to study this issue and work with staff to bring possible solutions forward.

B. Technology Plan Implementation

Jim Schmitt, Director of Assessment & Technology, shared information regarding the updated Technology Plan. He said there are four committees leading the implementation of the plan: Early Learning, Elementary, Secondary and Assistive Technologies. The plan is funded within the District budget, and the current phase will add 2,250 iPads to the District.

Staff in each of the four areas explained how they are effectively using the technology. The cost for iPads and cases is \$1.14 million with the majority of the funding coming from Microsoft settlement money.

Board members would like to be kept updated on the professional development component of the implementation. There was also a request to review comparative data to see how other classes that are not using the technology are faring. The Board will continue to get updates on the plan.

3. Request for Future Agenda Items

There was a request to revisit the concept of a paperless Board.

A report will be shared in the future by the Board members who attended the National School Board Convention.

Dr. Hardebeck said that the Board will have a representative from K12 Insight present at the May 20 Board meeting to discuss the preliminary results of the student engagement survey. While here, they will conduct some focus groups with teachers about Educator Effectiveness and perceptions as the District makes the transition to that model.

4. Other Business

5. Motion to Adjourn

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

6. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.