

Meeting: ECASD Referendum Committee**Date:** December 7, 2023**Time:** 1:30p.m. – 3:00p.m.**Location:** Administration Building Room 101

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marquell Johnson*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Bica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erica Zerr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abby Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Johnson
<input type="checkbox"/> Kay Marks	<input type="checkbox"/> Kaying Xiong	<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Koller	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandy Van Vleet	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Committee Chair

The regular meeting of the Referendum Committee was called to order by Marquell Johnson at 1:35p.m. on December 7, 2023. Quorum was met.

Notes: Marisa Pomplun

- **Public Comment**
 - Mark Goings spoke regarding the amounts for a referendum.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes**
 - The minutes from November 20th were reviewed.

Lori Bica made a motion to approve the November 20, 2023 Referendum Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Marquell Johnson. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- **Referendum Work**
 - Abby shared a roll forward of the budget with the ESSER positions in the budget for the next 5 years as well as a projection without those positions.
 - The group reviewed the last 10 years of the Fund Balance to discuss the impact on the total percentage of Fund 10 expenditures. Auditors recommend being in the 28-33% range. The committee believes that it is important to have a healthy Fund Balance. They are also wondering what the plan is to regain a healthy balance.
 - The committee discussed class size actuals vs the public perceptions of the previous 2016 referendum.
 - Abby shared the contract renewal calendar and discussed what the process looks like for staffing.
 - Abby followed up with Don Lifo about a survey for 2024. He said that a survey wouldn't be ready for an April referendum, but he would recommend that a new survey be done for a November referendum.
 - Recurring referendum questions with different amounts were reviewed from other Wisconsin districts.
 - In future discussions, what do our students need from a referendum? What are the components of the operational level?

Action Items

- Find out more about a survey.
- For December 18, can the School Board have additional comprehensive data about the budget long term as well as CPI projections?
- When can we articulate the or else...? What are the ramifications of a failed referendum that will be up for a review for July 1.
- **Wrap-up Meeting**
 - Next meeting January 5, 2024

Erica Zerr moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lori Bica. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:07p.m.