

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, DECEMBER 5, 2011  
PRESIDENT CRAIG PRESIDING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:07 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, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: Faanes and Janke. Student Representative Amal Javaid was also present; Joe Luginbill was unable to attend.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one signed up to address the Board.

**BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Superintendent's Report

*Status of Modification to Secondary Teaching Schedules*

Dr. Heilmann stated that the District Leadership Team (DLT) and secondary principals have been meeting to discuss many of the additional pieces of information and studying potential implementation impacts to modifying secondary teaching schedules for the 2012-2013 school year. Those pieces of information that the BOE identified as needing included the following: estimated cost to cover duties that were previously covered by teachers, a rationale for going back to a junior high model including the impact on achievement and the effect on the delivery system, specific information on the impact to interventions and enrichments and any potential compromise or reinforcement of our post-secondary success efforts, and investigating the possibility of a referendum.

The issue is related to current efforts at all three levels in studying schedule options. Working with Dr. Michael Rettig, we have groups looking at how we structure the school day in terms of what times are allocated to certain activities. This is a multi-year process that involves all of our staff and opportunities to see the changes, whenever possible, in school districts that have modified their schedules to accommodate learner needs. The issue is also related to certain components of the *Employee Handbook*. The ECASD is focusing efforts on Response to Intervention (RtI) utilizing a wealth of school-based and district-based data. This will meld with our current CIM process.

Dr. Heilmann said that the DLT and Teaching & Learning Department recommend that the district link any potential change to secondary teaching schedules to other components of our post-secondary success work. He said the district must be prepared to answer questions when individuals do not see how social-emotional/academic/

aptitudes and interests/career options are holistically inter-connected, and it must continue to provide effective interventions for students and build upon our already abundant enrichments. The district must utilize out Literacy Coaches and our highly-talented teachers in professional development which may change the time/place in which professional development is delivered.

#### Communication to Superintendent/Board President

President Craig circulated several different documents for the Board's perusal.

#### Student Representative Report

Amal Javaid stated that students at the high schools would like the district to consider offering season passes to students to help defray the costs of attending sporting events and encourage more student participation. The Board said they would bring this to the attention of the Athletic Council for their review.

#### Other Reports

##### *Policy and Governance Committee*

There was no report.

##### *Budget Development Committee*

There was no report.

### **CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA**

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

- ◆ The minutes of special Board meeting of November 16, 2011, as mailed.
- ◆ The minutes of Board meeting of November 21, 2011, as mailed.
- ◆ The minutes of closed session of November 21, 2011, as mailed.
- ◆ The matters of employment of December 5, 2011, as presented.

Consent resolution agenda items approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Regular meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN  
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

1. Call to Order – Committee Meeting

Roll call was taken and the following commissioners were present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: Faanes and Janke. Student Representative Amal Javaid was also present; Joe Luginbill was unable to attend.

2. Committee Reports/Items for Discussion

A. Coming to Closure on the ECASD Vision Statement

The BOE discussed the latest version of the ECASD Vision Statement which reads: “The Eau Claire Area School District prepares all children for post-secondary success.” The Board appeared ready to bring this forward as a resolution at the next meeting.

B. Philosophical Underpinnings for the Reorganization of Assessment & Technology Needs, Relation to Post-Secondary Readiness, and the 2012-2013 Budget Impact

The ECASD has had an on-going need in the area of student data. That need is being addressed from a technological perspective with the district’s data warehouse system. Teams of principals and teachers, however, need someone who can integrate or disaggregate data and interpret that data for these teams so that wise educational decisions can be made. In order to meet this need, the District Leadership Team has re-written the job description for the previous Director of Technology position to include these types of assessment needs. The revised position – Director of Assessment & Technology – will bridge these needs and serve as an effective link between the Teaching & Learning and Technology Departments. Some of the technical duties that had been performed by the Director of Technology will be performed by the District Technology Coordinator. This position, like other Coordinator positions, will be an ECAE employee. The cost of these moves is “budget neutral” and was achieved by a shifting of duties.

The Board discussed the matter noting some concerns with the perceived reduction in technology leadership. Mr. Scidmore, the current Director of Technology, felt that to the contrary, with the Technology Coordinator assuming some of the responsibilities that were previously completed by the Director of Technology, it would allow the Director to focus more time on comprehensive technology needs.

The Board asked that the position be incorporated into the budget as presented.

3. Request for Future Agenda Items
4. Other Business
5. Motion to Adjourn Committee Meeting

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

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.