

Eau Claire School Board Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

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Members present

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar (arrived at 5:47 p.m.), Marquell Johnson (arrived at 6:52 p.m.), Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Board Secretary Terri Grzyb confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. A roll call was conducted to verify quorum.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Lori Bica to move to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Not Present at Vote: Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that no action was taken by the Board during the closed session. Simon H. from Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Erica Zerr to adopt the Board agenda for March 6, 2023.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized the National Board Certified Teachers (3 new; 10 extended certification), National School Social Worker Week, National Music in Our Schools Month, and Youth Art Month.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the Board: Lori Placke-Wirth, Mark Lundin, Frank Fucile, and Mark Goings.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

No Referendum Committee report.

Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Johnson provided a Legislative update.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Superintendent's Consent Agenda items:

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- 2022-2023 Budget Adjustments
- Cash Balances by Financial Institution as of January 31, 2023
- Financial Report - January 2023

- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$5,781,770.17 and net payroll in the amount of \$4,351,998.84 for the period of January 1, 2023, through January 31, 2023
- 5-Year Capital Project Bids

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Superintendent Johnson announced that Adam Keeton will be the Northstar Middle School principal starting on July 1, 2023.

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Closed Session - February 20, 2023
- Minutes of Board Meeting - February 20, 2023
- Gift from the Ulrich Trust

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-8 Communication with the Board. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Erica Zerr to accept the monitoring report for OE-8 Communication with the Board.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Tanya Lewison from USI presented the 2023 ECASD Health, Dental, and Vision Renewal. Agenda items included Security Health Plan Renewal (actives and retirees), Required Plan Adjustments (preventive and mental health parity), ODAC (Oakwood Direct Access Center), and Delta Dental (including vision). Discussion and questions followed.

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

The Board discussed and made decisions regarding the administrative recommendations to the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School Contract Renewal. The following contract items were looked at:

#4: Accept administrative changes (no motion).

#9: Change "upon request" in second sentence to "annually" (no motion needed, just a transcription error).

#10: Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Stephanie Farrar to reject the administrative proposed change. Discussion on motion.

Motion failed

Yes: Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

No: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson

#11: Accept administrative changes (no motion).

#16: Accept administrative changes (no motion).

#23: Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Stephanie Farrar to reject the administrative proposed change.
Discussion on motion.

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

No: Lori Bica, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Erica Zerr to amend as follows: "ECASD shall provide transportation for all ECASD 4K - 5th grade students in accordance with ECASD policy 751, with bussing for 4K students to begin in the 2024-25 school year." Discussion on motion.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

No: Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons

#31a: Motion by Josh Clements, seconded by Lori Bica to amend as follows: "The term of Contract shall be for a three-year period commencing July 1, 2023, and terminating June 30, 2026."

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

#10: Motion by Erica Zerr, seconded by Phil Lyons to amend as follows (add the following sentence at the end of paragraph two): "In addition, the Charter School will give preference to children of full-time employees hired during and prior to the 2022-23 contract year. Children of full-time staff hired during the 2023-24 contract year and after will not have preference." Discussion on motion.

Motion failed

Yes: Stephanie Farrar, Phil Lyons, Erica Zerr

No: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

The contract will now go on the Superintendent's Consent Agenda for March 27.

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Commissioner Bica led the Board debrief.

ADJOURN

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.