

Eau Claire School Board Minutes

Monday, March 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

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Members present

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr (arrived at 5:38 p.m.)

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Phil Lyons, second by Stephanie Farrar 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, Stephanie Farrar, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin

Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and announced that no action was taken by the Board during the closed session, and CPI discussions will continue next week. Toni W. from DeLong Middle School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Stephanie Farrar to adopt the Board agenda for March 27, 2023.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School - Passion Projects for Service.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the Board: Arianna Giuliani, Rebekah Moua, Lori Placke-Wirth, Carling McLaughlin, Nichole Smith, Josh Christianson, and Sara Meeks.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Lyons provided a report from the March 17 meeting. The committee reviewed the status of referendum projects, such as bids, architectural design, and construction. Projects are scheduled to start as follows: Putnam Heights - Fall of 2023, South - Fall of 2023, Memorial - Spring of 2024, North - Fall of 2023.

Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Johnson reported no legislative updates.

Commissioner Nordin reminded us that Election Day is next Tuesday and encourages everyone to vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Phil Lyons to approve the following Superintendent's Consent Agenda items 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and 8.9:

- 2022-23 Budget Adjustments
- Cash balances by financial institution as of February 28, 2023
- Financial Report - February 2023
- Gifts in the amount of \$15,989.45 for the period of February 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$4,994,995.21 and net payroll in the amount of \$4,729,124.03 for the period of February 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023
- Referendum Project Bid
- Head Start COLA Increase

Motion carried

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

Commissioner Johnson pulled item 8.2 Human Resources – Employment Report and led discussion.

Motion by Marquell Johnson, second by Lori Bica to approve Human Resources - Employment Report

Motion carried

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

With the approval of the employment report, Superintendent Johnson announced that Laurie Haus will be the Early Learning Principal next school year, and John Samb will be the Assistant Principal at Memorial High school next school year.

Commissioner Zerr pulled item 8.10 Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School Contract Renewal and led discussion.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Stephanie Farrar to amend item #9 in contract to add paragraph (highlighted text). Discussion on motion.

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Joshua Clements to amend the proposed amendment to remove the words "and/or ECASD Board" from the highlighted text for item #9 in contract.

Motion carried

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

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Stephanie Farrar to amend item #9 in contract to add the amended paragraph. Discussion on motion.

Motion carried

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

No: Marquell Johnson

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Stephanie Farrar to rescind previous vote to remove staff preference language for item #10 in contract. Discussion on motion.

Motion carried

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

No: Lori Bica, Marquell Johnson

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to approve the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School Contract Renewal, as amended.

Motion carried

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

No: Lori Bica, Marquell Johnson

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Stephanie Farrar to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Closed Session - March 1, 2023
- Minutes of Closed Session - March 6, 2023
- Minutes of Board Meeting - March 6, 2023
- Minutes of Closed Session - March 15, 2023
- Health & Dental Insurance Renewal Rates
- Mental Health Parity Changes

Motion carried

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

Abstain: Marquell Johnson

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Lisa Steig, Director of Student Services, presented focus on results information and data as to how our district is meeting the needs of students in regard to social and emotional supports for learning. This is in relation to the District's student results R-3 Lifelong Personal Development and Growth report. The focus was on selective and intensive interventions, equitable resources, and the building of teams to help support students and the impact it has on them. Locust Lane Elementary Principal, Khoua Vang, along with Counselor Marisa Fechhelm and Instructional/SEL Coach Erin House, provided an overview of social and emotional supports they use at the elementary level. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Phil Lyons to reschedule the monitoring of R-3 for the June 5 Board meeting.

Motion carried

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

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Commissioner Lyons 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 9:10 p.m.