

## **Eau Claire School Board Minutes**

**Monday, May 1, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**Blended Model – ECASD Administration Building and Livestream**

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### **Members present**

Lori Bica, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

### **Members absent**

Joshua Clements

### **CONVENE (GC-1)**

Superintendent Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Noah F. from Memorial High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

### **NOMINATION & ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Abby Johnson, Executive Director of Business Services, led the Organizational Meeting.

#### **Election of President**

Erica Zerr nominated Tim Nordin as President, second by Lori Bica. Tim Nordin accepted the nomination. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Election of Vice President**

Jarrett Dement nominated Lori Bica as Vice President, second by Stephanie Farrar. Lori Bica accepted the nomination.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Election of Clerk/Governance Officer**

Marquell Johnson nominated Marquell Johnson as Clerk/Governance Officer, second by Lori Bica.

Marquell Johnson accepted the nomination.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Election of Clerk Designee**

Marquell Johnson nominated Abby Johnson as Clerk Designee, second by Erica Zerr. Abby Johnson accepted the nomination.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Election of Treasurer**

Stephanie Farrar nominated Stephanie Farrar as Treasurer, second by Lori Bica. Stephanie Farrar accepted the nomination.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Election of Secretary**

Erica Zerr nominated Terri Grzyb as Secretary, second by Lori Bica. Terri Grzyb accepted the nomination.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **SEATING ARRANGEMENT**

Board members drew numbers for the seating arrangement for future meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)**

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Erica Zerr to adopt the Board agenda for May 1, 2023.

**Motion carried**

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

**RECOGNITION (R-1)**

Superintendent Johnson recognized the 3rd Grade Snack Initiative at Longfellow Elementary, School Principals' Day, National Teacher/School Staff Appreciation Week, National School Nurse Day, National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and National Mental Health Awareness Month.

**PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)**

No citizens of the public signed up to address the Board.

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Zerr provided a summary of the Key Communicators Group. The group met on April 28, 2023, and had 25 community members in attendance. Feedback was gathered, which will help to develop structure for future meetings.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)**

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Cash balances by financial institution as of March 31, 2023
- Financial Report - March 2023
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$5,025,285.43 and net payroll in the amount of \$7,015,236.34 for the period of March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023
- WIAA Membership Renewal for 2023-2024
- Final Notice of Non-Renewal of Teachers with Limited Term Contracts
- Authorization to the Executive Director of Human Resources
- Authorization to the Executive Director of Business Services for Summer Months

**Motion carried**

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

**BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)**

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - April 17, 2023

**Motion carried**

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

**FOCUS ON RESULTS**

Kaying Xiong, Executive Director of Student Services, and three staff members (Christi Watkinson, Director of Special Education; Karen Weld, Life Without Limits Instructor; Rebecca Kinstler, Beyond 18 Special Education Assistant) presented information on the Beyond 18 Transitions program with a focus on career and life ready metrics for students with disabilities on individual education plans. Three community-based transition opportunities are available to students to help them become successful beyond high school. These programs include Gateways, Life Without Limits, and Project SEARCH. Information for each was shared. Discussion and questions followed.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Abby Johnson, Executive Director of Business Services, provided an overview of how school finance works. The following was included in the presentation: Revenue 101 (2022-23 Revenues by Fund; Operating Revenue - Funds 10, 27, 29; Revenue Limit Worksheet; 2022-23 Base Revenue; Membership Averages; Base Revenue With Recurring Exemptions; Non-Recurring Exemptions; Tax Levy; and 2023-24 Early Peek at Revenue), Expenses 101 (2022-23 Expenses by Fund; Operating Expenses and Budget - Funds 10, 27, 29; and Operating Fund Balance, as of June 30, 2023). Discussion and questions

followed.

**BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)**

Commissioner Bica led the Board debrief.

**ADJOURN**

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

**Motion carried**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.