

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
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Members present

Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Members absent

Joshua Clements

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin 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. Eduardo and Emmanuel X. from Longfellow Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for September 18, 2023.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized the PBIS team from Longfellow Elementary and Hispanic Heritage Month.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the Board: Trish Cummins, Makiah Frison, Demetria, Sonny, Isaiah Watkins, Angel Sands, Collis McCloud, Violet, Saihan, Willie, and Jeff Jones.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Johnson provided a Referendum Committee report. The committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 29, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm.

Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Farrar provided a Legislative update, which included the following:

The Senate voted to override Governor Evers partial veto that raised per pupil revenue limits; the matter now moves to the Assembly. The Senate also voted on three bills affecting Wisconsin schools (AB-109, which requires students to pass .5 credits worth of financial literacy in order to graduate; AB-166, which alters the definition of "sexual contact" to close a loophole that prevented prosecution of sexual crimes under certain circumstances; and SB-313, which raises penalties for failing to stop for a school bus).

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Referendum Project Bids

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Abstain: Marquell Johnson

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Stephanie Farrar to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Closed Session - September 11, 2023
- Minutes of Board Meeting - September 11, 2023
- Appoint Representatives to Demographic Trends & Facility Planning Committee

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

FOCUS ON RESULTS

Mandy Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Michelle Radtke, Director of Post-Secondary Readiness; and Dana McConnell, Director of Special Education, presented information on High School Grade Point Average. Our District uses an equitable multi-level system of support framework (EMLSS) to provide equitable resources, practices, and services to every student. Within this framework are key performance indicators that measure progress and success. One of these indicators is the grade point average.

Students are considered College Ready if they have a 2.8 out of 4.0 GPA (translates to about a B- in letter grade). From 2020 to 2023, the percentage of students averaging a 2.8 GPA or higher ranged between 56% and 59%. This percentage decreased when disaggregating the data. Students with disabilities, males, students of color, and economically disadvantaged subgroups all have a greater percentage of students who had less than a 2.8 GPA.

Resources are needed in order to create a system of support. The District will examine if the right resources are being provided to meet the needs of all students so they have the opportunity to be College Ready. Offering professional learning for staff to improve practices in the classroom is also important for success. In addition, the District's Special Education Team is identifying ways to offer continuous support to students. Discussion and questions followed.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson and Dang Yang, Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), presented the monitoring report for OE-2, Equity Commitment. Dang highlighted data from the 2023 Annual Report on EDI in the Eau Claire Area School District, which included the responses from three Climate Surveys (student, family, and staff). Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for OE-2 Equity Commitment.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Abstain: Marquell Johnson

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Commissioner Zerr led the Board debrief.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.