

## **Eau Claire School Board Minutes**

**Monday, October 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

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

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### **Members present**

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements (joined virtually at 7:35 p.m.), Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

### **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. Ja'Liya B., Martina B., and Sa'Mariyah B. from Flynn Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Stephanie Farrar to adopt the Board agenda for October 2, 2023.

### **Motion carried**

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

Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements

### **RECOGNITION (R-1)**

Superintendent Johnson recognized National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day, School Board Recognition Week, Indigenous Peoples' Day, National School Lunch Week, National School Principals Month, and National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists.

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

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

## **REPORTS**

### **Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)**

Commissioner Johnson provided a Referendum Committee report. The committee met on September 29 to continue the conversation regarding an upcoming referendum. The focus was on narrowing down dates (spring or fall of next year), what preliminary information is needed (surveys), and creating a wish list from an operational standpoint. The next meeting is scheduled for the last week in October.

### **Legislative Liaison**

Commissioner Farrar provided a Legislative update, which included the following: The Senate Education Committee met to discuss several bills (SB-83, which would require school boards to publish on the ballot, the estimated interest that will accrue on issued bonds as part of a referendum; SB-335, which would allow school districts to employ a district administrator without a license; and SB-395, which would remove the restriction on revenue ceilings, that restricts a district's ability to shift their ceiling upwards for three years, if they fail an operational referendum. In addition, State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly delivered the State of Education address.

### **Coherent Governance Wisdom Sharing Update**

President Nordin shared an update on the Wisdom Sharing 23rd Annual Conference on Coherent Governance that he and Commissioner Farrar attended in New Orleans. Wisconsin was well represented. This was a good opportunity to dig into Coherent Governance and network with others across the nation who also use our governance system. He highly encourages all School Board members to attend next year.

### **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
- Head Start Annual Report 2022-2023

**Motion carried**

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

Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements

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

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

- Minutes of Board Meeting - September 18, 2023

**Motion carried**

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

Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements

**MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS**

Superintendent Johnson and Mandy Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the monitoring report for R-3 Lifelong Personal Development. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Stephanie Farrar to accept the monitoring report for R-3 Lifelong Personal Development.

**Motion carried**

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

Abstain: Marquell Johnson

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

Superintendent Johnson; Jim Schmitt, Eau Claire Virtual School Principal; Heidi Landmeier, Wisconsin Career Connections Academy (WCCA) Chair; and Dr. Donna Hutchison, Pearson Vice President, presented information on the possibility of partnering with the WCCA as an opportunity for students to receive virtual instruction. WCCA is a full-time K-12 charter school with a career focus that serves students across Wisconsin. Benefits include attracting students with specific educational needs and connecting with higher education and industry standards. Discussion and questions followed.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the Wisconsin Career Connections Academy: Daniela Garcia, Ashley Quinto Powell, Doyle Sprewer, and Calvin Lee (virtual).

**MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

Abby Johnson, Executive Director of Business Services, reviewed the unaudited Operating Revenue and Expenses for 2022-23, as well as the Preliminary 2023-24 Budget Adoption.

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Stephanie Farrar to adopt the preliminary 2023-2024 budget as presented.

**Motion carried**

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

Abstain: Marquell Johnson

**BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)**

Commissioner Clements led the Board debrief.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to adjourn meeting.

**Motion carried**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.