

Eau Claire School Board Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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Members present

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements (not in attendance for closed session), Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Jarrett Dement, second by Erica Zerr 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, specifically concerning a complaint involving former and current employees.

Motion carried

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

Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and announced that the Board took no action during Closed Session. Madison (Maddie) C. from Putnam 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 November 6, 2023.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized National School Psychology Week, National Native American Heritage Month, Veterans Day Programs, and the Sherman Socktober Service Project.

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 October 30 to discuss the timeline of a spring or fall operational referendum and what would be the selling point of this referendum. A breakdown of ESSER funding was provided to show how it has been utilized and where it will begin to run out. The committee was also given an update on current projects and will meet again next week. President Nordin thanked Commissioner Johnson for forwarding the presentations from the committee.

Legislative Liaison

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

The state Senate approved SB 395 related to the low revenue ceiling, as well as SB 83 which now requires a municipality, county, or school district to post accrued interest estimates on the ballot for a referendum. The Assembly will be voting on two bills focused on eliminating certain race-based programs and considerations from higher education institutions. The Senate will also be voting on SB 333, which is

designed to close a loophole in current Wisconsin law that neglected to regulate certain sexual crimes between school personnel and students.

Board President Report - School Board Elections

The Board is hosting an informational session for individuals interested in running for the School Board or learning more about the work of the Board. The session will take place on November 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- 2022-23 Budget Adjustments
- Cash balances by financial institution as of July 31, 2023
- Cash balances by financial institution as of August 31, 2023
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$5,698,420.12 and net payroll in the amount of \$3,987,135.88 for the period of July 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$5,402,886.97 and net payroll in the amount of \$3,906,961.09 for the period of August 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023
- Freezer Replacement Bid

Motion carried

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

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 Board Meeting - October 16, 2023
- Minutes of Budget Hearing - October 30, 2023
- American Education Week Proclamation

Motion carried

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

FOCUS ON RESULTS

Mandy Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, presented information on how our District is creating and sustaining a supportive learning environment, a safe space where students feel welcome, accepted, and valued. Social emotional learning is equally important as academics because when such an environment is created, students engage in learning. The desired outcomes of such an environment include psychological well-being, engagement and motivation, confidence and self-esteem, collaboration and teamwork, personal growth and development, and positive relationships.

Michele Wiberg, Principal at DeLong Middle School; Karen Gullicksrud, AVID Site Coordinator and Math Teacher; and Mitch Demers, SEL Instructional Coach, shared information on what they are doing at DeLong. To build such an environment for students, there must be support for teachers where we provide them with what they need so they can implement in the classroom. This includes allocating staff and resources, along with professional learning and skill instruction. Student voice is also important. Discussion and questions followed.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-3, Climate Commitment, in which the ECASD commits to immediate and ongoing action toward a goal of achieving 100% renewable energy and carbon neutrality for the District by 2050. Jeff Nestor, General Manager of Facilities, also provided information, including a biodiversity rubric and stated that, "As we move forward in some of these things,

our expectations need to grow also." Of special note, elementary schools are beginning to compost. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for OE-3 Climate Commitment.

Motion carried

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

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Commissioner Farrar led the Board debrief.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.