

Eau Claire School Board Minutes

Monday, December 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Blended Model – ECASD Administration Building and Livestream

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Members present

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

Members absent

Marquell Johnson

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Secretary Marisa Pomplun confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. A roll call was conducted to verify quorum. Landon H. from Northstar Middle School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Erica Zerr to adopt the Board agenda for December 18, 2023.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized National Special Education Day, a portable water filtration project at Longfellow Elementary School, and an author visit at Northstar Middle School.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

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

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Bica provided a Referendum Committee report. The committee met on December 7 to discuss the timeline of the referendum. She stated that they also discussed items from the recent work session.

Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Farrar provided a Legislative update including provisional teaching licenses for paraprofessionals currently working, removing liabilities from staff that possess 'obscene materials,' and Full Time Open Enrollment acceptance for children of teachers working in a district outside their resident school district. Governor Evers signed Assembly Bill 109 into law which requires students to complete a half credit of personal financial literacy in order to graduate from high school. The Assembly Committee on Local Government held a public hearing on Assembly Bill 723. This bill would require that school boards solicit bids and award a public works contract to the lowest bidder if the estimated cost of a contract exceeds \$150,000 and the contract is for the construction, repair, remodeling, or improvement of a public-school building or for the furnishing of supplies or materials. WASB opposes AB 723 and urges school leaders to contact state legislators.

Key Communicators Group Update

Commissioner Farrar also provided an update on the Key Communicators Group conversation on ELA and College and Career Readiness. Members were glad that ECASD is ahead of Act 20 in implementing research-supported literacy instruction methods. The group hopes to take more steps to get more students more resources for when they arrive at school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Joshua Clements to approve the following Superintendent's Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.3, 6.4:

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Five-Year Capital Projects
- Referendum Project Bids

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, 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 - November 27, 2023
- Minutes of Board Meeting - December 4, 2023
- Changes to Governance Policies
- Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Successor Trustee and Custodian for the Wisconsin OPEB Trust
- Resolution Authorizing Consent to Assignment of Investment Advisory Agreement
- Waiver to Exceed Head Start Class Size in One Classroom

Motion carried

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

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson and the Teaching & Learning Team presented the monitoring report for R-2 Academic Performance. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, seconded by Joshua Clements to accept the monitoring report for R-2 Academic Performance.

Motion carried

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

ITEM RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

The School Board discussed the upcoming 2024 Referendum in order to obtain a date to go to referendum.

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Joshua Clements to direct the administration to prepare for a November 2024 referendum.

Motion carried

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

No: Erica Zerr

BOARD DEBRIEF

Commissioner Dement led the Board debrief.

ADJOURN

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Joshua Clements to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.