

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Webex Virtual Meeting
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Members present

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

CALL TO ORDER

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Meta Miske 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 Marquell Johnson, second by Lori Bica, to move to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(e); Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session for the purpose of discussing legal services.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public addressed the Board: Jessica Borst, Mark Goings.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Johnson gave a report on the transition to 100% Virtual and decision to return to blended learning on December 10.

Board President's Report

President Nordin gave an update on the Board's work with Coherent Governance.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Emery Thul gave a report for Memorial High School. Zoe Wolfe gave a report for North High School.

OTHER REPORTS

School Board Committee Reports

Budget Development Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Budget and discussed future work.

Demographic Trends and Facilities Planning Committee has contacted UW-Wisconsin Applied Populations Lab to begin the study with results expected in late January.

LEAP Committee is working on performance agreements with Arctic Zone and Documentary Theater, two videos, and an expansion of the Acres for Joy partnership.

Policy & Governance Committee continues work on an equity statement, adapting recruitment/retention practices with a focus on EDI, and Coherent Governance policies to be shared the next work session.

Legislative Update

Commissioner Johnson gave a legislative update.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Phil Lyons, to approve the following Consent Resolution Agenda items:

- Minutes of November 16, 2020
- Minutes of Closed Session - November 16, 2020
- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Proposed Changes to Policy 443.1-Student Dress

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2021 Capital Improvement Budget

Darryl Peterson, Director of Buildings and Grounds, shared the 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Budget including a plan if the Board approves \$1.6M as they have since 2008, and a plan if the Board approves an increase to \$1.8M.

Discussion and questions ensued. The item will be placed on the December 21 Consent Resolution Agenda.

COVID-19 Days Report

Kay Marks, Executive Director of Human Resources shared a proposal for an ECASD COVID-19 Paid Leave program which could be implemented if the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act is not extended after December 31, 2020.

Discussion and questions ensued.

This item will be on the December 21 Individually Considered Resolution agenda with options for the Board to consider.

McKinley Charter School Contract Renewal Report

Pete Riley, McKinley Principal, gave a report on the history and work of McKinley Charter School, and shared video testimonials from two graduates.

Discussion and questions ensued. The proposed contract for renewal will be considered at a future meeting.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items were requested.

ADJOURN

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Aaron Harder, to adjourn the meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.