

Eau Claire School Board Minutes

Monday, February 17, 2020

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Members present

Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

Members absent

Laurie Klinkhammer

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00pm

President Eric Torres called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Phil Lyons to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, 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, and 19.85(1)(f); Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

OPEN SESSION - 7:00 p.m.

President Torres called for the Board to reconvene in Open Session at 7:03pm. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sherman Elementary student Muachee H.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lena Kong, Dolores Camejo, Maribel Real-Ebeling, Kirsten Alvarez, Jessica Lennox, and Lizzie Castro spoke about equitable pay, diversity, and

employee involvement in the new compensation review system.

Peter Caraher shared information about a SEPTA Resource Fair.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hardebeck reviewed the Board's calendar of events. She recognized Youth Olympians Charlie Thompson and Landon Lee, and Noon Rotary Club honorees Kathryn Becker, Jeremiah Becker, Harper Dilley, and Sarah Arellano. Feed My People Food Bank and Asher Exteriors were recognized for outstanding service to the Fight Against Hunger program. An update was given from Family Advisory Council.

Board President's Report

President Torres gave an update on the Superintendent Search.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Report

Both student representatives were absent.

OTHER REPORTS

School Board Committee Reports

Budget Development Committee met last week and discussed an Employee Engagement Committee and reviewed its work list.

LEAP's meeting was postponed.

Demographic Trends & Facility Planning Committee met, reviewed data, and discussed options.

Policy & Governance is ready to propose a policy related to ECASD's relationship with ECPSF.

Legislative Update

Commissioner Nordin gave a legislative update including proposals for the State budget surplus and information on the impact of voucher schools.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Phil Lyons to approve the following Consent Resolution Agenda items:

- Minutes of February 3, 2020
- Minutes of Closed Session - February 3, 2020
- Minutes of Closed Session - February 6, 2020
- Minutes of Closed Session - February 13, 2020

- Financial Report - January 2020
- Gifts in the amount of \$29,495.04 for the period of January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020.
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$4,587,478.49 and net payroll in the amount of \$3,552,314.56 for the period of January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020.
- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Referendum Timeline
- Schedule 2020 Summer/Fall Meetings and 2021 Winter/Spring Meetings
- Proposed Changes to Policy 830 - Use of School Facilities

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION(S)

Montessori Contract Renewal

President Torres reviewed the modifications since the last discussion. The following changes were noted: Item #23 - remove 4K from bussing, item #9 – change to “annual basis” instead of “upon request.”

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Tim Nordin to approve the Montessori contract with noted changes.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

Communication to Staff Regarding OPEB

The proposed language was read aloud. It was stated the intention is to be a standing recommendation to provide long-term stability for employees.

Motion by Aaron Harder, second by Lori Bica to adopt the communication to staff regarding OPEB as proposed by Budget Development Committee.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Eric D Torres, Tim Nordin
Abstain: Phil Lyons, Charles Vue

2020-2021 District Calendar

Ms. Kay Marks reviewed two additional calendar options as requested by the Board which align ECASD's Spring Break with UWEC's Spring Break. She shared other information as requested by the Board. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Aaron Harder to adopt the original 2020-2021 District Calendar as proposed.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

No: Eric D Torres

Petitioner Nathan and Julie Anderson's Request to Alter School District Boundaries

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Tim Nordin to suspend the rules to allow public comment.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

The petitioners were not present. The petition was denied by the Eleva-Strum School District. Administration's recommendation is to approve.

Motion by Charles Vue, second by Phil Lyons to approve the Anderson Petition to alter school district boundaries.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

Petitioner John and Jessica Magnuson's Request to Alter School District Boundaries

The petitioners were not present.

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Charles Vue to approve the Magnuson petition to alter school district boundaries.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

Petitioner Kenneth and Kelly Books Request to Alter School District Boundaries

Mr. Kenneth Books was present. Mr. Books shared history and information pertaining to his petition. Mr. Books noted the real estate tax amount in BoardDocs was inaccurate and ECASD only receives \$2,261.08 in property taxes from the property. Ms. Abby Johnson confirmed the error.

Motion by Aaron Harder, second by Charles Vue to approve the Books petition to detach to Elk Mound School District.

Motion failed

No: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Eau Claire Virtual School Proposal

Mr. Jim Schmitt and Ms. Missie Crisp (Vice President of Eau Claire Virtual School Governance Board) presented. Mr. Schmitt reviewed the mission of the ECVS and data regarding ECVS enrollment. He shared a proposal to expand ECVS for the 2020-21 school year by adding grades 4 and 5 and increasing the number of seats for enrollment. The Board requested the proposal be connected to the MLSS and brought back.

Discussion and Possible First Reading of Proposed Changes to Policy 672 - Purchasing

The proposed language was read aloud. There were no questions. The Policy will be placed on the next Consent Resolution Agenda.

Discussion and Possible Second Reading Policy 185 - School Board Committees

Changes to the policy were read aloud. A recommendation was made to update the LEAP section to the following: "The charge of this committee is to provide guidance and recommendations to the school Board related to the promotion and development of LEAP Zones as described in Policy 332." The policy will return to Policy & Governance for review.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Development Committee report on Ad Hoc Employee Engagement Committee.

ADJOURN

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Aaron Harder to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.