

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
ECASD District Office and Webex (blended model 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 7:05 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

PUBLIC HEARING

Educator Effectiveness Waiver Public Hearing

Superintendent Johnson explained Educator Effectiveness, the waiver, and the reason it is needed. Citizen Lucinda Kemmet asked questions during the hearing, which Superintendent Johnson answered.

Educator Effectiveness Waiver Request

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Joshua Clements, that the School Board request an Educator Effectiveness Waiver from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Motion carried

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

PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public addressed the Board: Bob Kron, Randi Gerber, Lori Pankratz, Lucinda Kemmet.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Johnson gave an update on his work since the last Board meeting.

Board President's Report

President Nordin gave a report.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Emery Thul gave an update for Memorial.

Zoe Wolfe gave an update for North.

OTHER REPORTS

School Board Committee Reports

Budget Development Committee met last week and worked on the proposed budget.

Demographic Trends & Facility Planning Committee has not met.

LEAP Committee will meet next week.

Policy and Governance Committee is working on policies related to equity in learning and hiring practices.

Legislative Update

Commissioner Johnson gave a legislative update.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

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

- Minutes of September 21, 2020
- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Retire Policy 542 - Employment Compensation Plans
- Retire Policy 542.1 - Support Staff Employee Salaries/Fringe Benefits
- Retire Policy 545 - Support Staff Assignment and Transfers

Motion carried

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

INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION(S)

2020-2021 Calendar Modifications

Jim Schmitt and Kay Marks gave a brief presentation on calendar modifications to be in effect while the District is using the blended model. Discussion and questions ensued.

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Aaron Harder, to adopt modifications to the 2020-2021 calendar as presented.

Motion carried

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

Preliminary Budget Report and Adoption

Abby Johnson gave a brief presentation on the preliminary 2020-2021 Budget. Discussion and questions ensued.

Motion by Marquell Johnson, second by Aaron Harder, that the School Board approve to adopt the preliminary 20-21 budget as presented.

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

Discussion and Possible First Reading of Proposed Policy 860 - Visitors to the Schools

Commissioner Lyons read the proposed policy aloud. There were no questions or discussion. The policy will be on the October 19 Consent Resolution Agenda.

Opening of Schools, Equity, Transition Plan, and Summer School Update

Superintendent Johnson, Jim Schmitt, Kay Marks, Kim Koller, Laura Schlichting, and Travis Hedtke presented an update on summer school, opening of schools, equity, virtual learning, and a transition plan.

Questions and discussion ensued.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Johnson requested information about the capacity and balance of Cohorts A and B.

ADJOURN

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Erica Zerr, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.