

Eau Claire Board of Education Meeting Agenda - Closed Session-5:30 pm; Regular Meeting-7 pm (Monday, October 6, 2014)

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Members present

Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax,
Charles Vue, Chue Xiong

1. REGULAR MEETING

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Spindler called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Board Secretary Patti Iverson confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

2.5 Public Forum

Connie Lee was present with her father Wachou Lee to share concerns about an incident that happened to Connie's four-year-old sister while on the bus to Prairie Ridge. Ms. Lee asked the Board to look into the matter and to implement new policies to protect students from bullying.

3. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hardebeck reviewed the Board's calendar of upcoming events. She noted that the Employee Health Clinic will be opening at the end of November, and there will be an Open House and tours that will be available at a date to be determined.

Dr. Hardebeck said the ECASD would like to salute its Board members during Board Member Appreciation Week, and to acknowledge their contributions and dedication as volunteer leaders.

3.2 Communications to Superintendent/Board President

President Spindler reminded the Board of an upcoming Legislative Advocacy Conference on November 8. Anyone interested in attending should let Patti Iverson know. At the WASB Regional Conference, WASB asked Board members to complete a school perception survey related to Key Works. Board members were asked to complete that survey.

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Hannah Winegarden shared upcoming events taking place at North High School. Jonah Giese was not present.

5. OTHER REPORTS

5.1 Policy & Governance Committee

Kathryn Duax said the Policy & Governance Committee discussed the fund balance policy with Mr. Van De Water at its recent meeting.

5.2 Budget Development Committee

The Budget Development Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

5.3 Legislative Update

Chris Hambuch-Boyle shared information from the WASB Legislative Update including Marquette Law School's poll for the governor race, Retiring Rep. Steve Kestell's thoughts on statewide vouchers and its effects on rural schools, a pro-voucher study recently released, and DPI partnering with CESAs to gather needed broadband data from schools.

6. CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

6.1 The Board will consider approval of the Consent Resolution Agenda Items

Motion by Wendy Sue Johnson, second by Kathryn P Duax, to approve the following Consent Resolution Agenda Items:

- Minutes of September 22, 2014 Board Meeting
- Minutes of Closed Session - September 22, 201
- Employment Report of October 6, 2014 as presented
- Revisions to Policy 655.1 - Activity Passes

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Charles Vue, Chue Xiong

7. INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION(S)

7.1 2014-15 Recommended Budget

Mr. Dan Van De Water provided answers to questions asked by Board members regarding the 2014-2015 Budget.

Motion by Trish Cummins, second by Chris Hambuch-Boyle, that the Board of Education approve the 2014-15 recommended budget as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Charles Vue, Chue Xiong

8. ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9.1 Opening of School Report

Members of the District Leadership Team shared District data with regards to demographics, academic program, achievement, participation and teacher quality.

Tim Leibham, Executive Director of Administration, said the District's current enrollment stands at 11,146. He shared projected enrollments vs. actual as well as enrollment trends. In addition, he reviewed the percentage of students who receive meal assistance. Currently 42% of students receive free or reduced price meals. Building capacities were shared, which included the impact of the SAGE program on building capacity. Mr. Leibham shared the number of alternate school requests at each level as well as open enrollment statistics.

Robyn Criego, Director of Special Education/Student Services, looked at the demographics of the District's student population with regards to ethnicity, gender, gifted and talented, special education and English language learners.

Jim Schmitt, Director of Assessment and Technology, discussed the District's report card noting that all schools in the District met or exceeded expectations. He went over testing data, ACT scores, and students taking AP classes. For the most part, the District has been very strong in all areas; however, there are some areas where further work needs to be done. Targeted interventions and focusing on School Improvement Plans may help in those areas. There were gains in student growth, which is a positive indicator. Mr. Schmitt also shared results from the student survey regarding engagement.

Kay Marks, Executive Director of Human Resources, reviewed data associated with hiring, staff counts, experience, and turnover rates.

The Board thanked the DLT for the informative report. Additional information was requested for the breakdown of AP testing between Memorial and North. There were requests to discuss trying to increase the number of students who are taking the AP test who are economically disadvantaged and to get information on how gifted/talented students are identified. Ms. Marks was also asked to provide the ratio of minority candidates applying for positions in the District and to add those teachers who have achieved National Board Certification to the report.

9.2 Report on School Calendar Discussions

Kay Marks said there are 24 staff members who serve on the Calendar Committee. Their focus for the 2015-16 school year calendar was to discuss collaboration time for teachers placed at times conducive for improving instruction and analyzing data, meeting legislative regulations of hours of instruction vs. days of instruction, accounting for inclement weather days by adding time to both middle and high school instructional days to meet the requirements of minutes, and having an earlier end to the school year.

Discussion and input was sought from various entities and groups including the Parent Advisory Council, administrators and Student Transit. In addition, there have been discussions about school day start times with those same groups. The proposal would consider changing school start times so that elementary schools begin earlier and secondary schools begin later; in essence, flipping current start times. The positive things heard about changing school start times were that it gives credence to sleep patterns of kids, student motivation levels, child care concerns for younger students, and safety on streets for student drivers. Research from the Children's National Medical Center's Blueprint for Change Team was shared with the Board. The committee said that some questions that will need answering and further study would involve bussing, extra-curricular participation, student after-school jobs, 3 and 4 year olds on buses during late afternoon, and what the research says.

Some Board members felt this should be pursued further. It was decided to discuss this topic in a future Work Session.

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 Requests for Future Agenda Items

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Such other matters as may be brought before the Board.

12. ADJOURN

12.1 Adjourn the Meeting

Motion by Chris Hambuch-Boyle, second by Charles Vue, to adjourn meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Charles Vue, Chue Xiong

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm