

Eau Claire Board of Education - Regular Meeting Agenda (Closed Session - 6 pm; Regular Meeting - 7 pm) (Monday, October 20, 2014)

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Members present

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

1. REGULAR MEETING

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Spindler called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Secretary Patti Iverson confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board.

3. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hardebeck reviewed the calendar of events for Board Members.

3.2 Communications to Superintendent/Board President

President Spindler thanked Board members who the attended legislative breakfast on October 13, 2014. He noted that the ECASD will sponsor the next breakfast, likely in February. He will work on planning this event. Chris Hambuch-Boyle said she would assist him. The WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference will be held in Stevens Point on November 8th. Anyone interested in attending should contact Patti Iverson. The Chamber's Real Life Academy will be held on November 19.

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

4.1 Student Representative Report

Jonah Giese and Hannah Winegarden talked about streamlining the process for seniors to apply for college via their school's website. Things such as links to the common application and admission essay. In addition, students find it difficult to get some of the information they need sent to colleges because transcripts can't be sent online and must be printed out. It can take up to a week to get transcripts printed.

5. OTHER REPORTS

5.1 Policy & Governance Committee

The committee has not met.

5.2 Budget Development Committee

The committee has not met.

5.3 Legislative Update

Chris Hambuch-Boyle shared information from WASB about general school aid certified to districts. Data showed that 220 of the state's public schools received more aid than last year, 202 districts had a decrease in aid, and 19 districts received no state equalization aid. Eau Claire had one of the largest decreases in the state. WASB members oppose the use of federal and state tax monies to subsidize nonpublic schools through a voucher system. Since 2004 about \$139 million of taxpayers' money was paid to failed voucher schools.

6. CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

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

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

- Minutes of Closed Session - September 16, 2014
- Minutes of Closed Session - October 6, 2014
- Minutes of October 6, 2014
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$ 4,217,148.70 and net payroll in the amount of \$ 3,096,883.42 for the period of September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014.
- Matters of employment for October 20, 2014 as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

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

7. INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION(S)

7.1 Gift Report

Motion by Chue Xiong, seconded by Charles Vue to accept the gifts in the amount of \$ 15,086.58 for the period of September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

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

7.2 Ad Hoc Facilitator/Consultant Proposal Review Committee

President Spindler said he would like to establish an ad hoc committee to review the proposals that will be received for the Facilitator/Consultant to work on the compensation study. Commissioners Hambuch-Boyle and Duax volunteered to serve on the committee with President Spindler.

Motion by Wendy Sue Johnson, second by Chue Xiong, to appoint ad hoc committee to review proposals from facilitators/consultants for compensation restructuring process.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

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

8. ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION

9. WORK SESSION

Dr. Hardebeck shared information from Victoria Berhardt as a guideline for the Board to think about how it might better understand and assess the needs of the whole child. A whole child approach to education is defined by policies, practices and relationships that ensure each child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. Various research studies show that characteristics that are conducive to successful adults include work ethic, focus, ability to work with others, flexibility, ability to deal with conflict and accountability. Dr. Hardebeck reviewed predictors/indicators of post-secondary success and how that will address the Key Works of alignment, assessment and accountability. Any definition of multiple measures should include student learning, demographics, perceptions, and school processes. She shared examples of each and how looking at these measures intersected helps to begin to predict if the actions, processes and programs that are being established will meet the needs of all students. She noted that just looking at student achievement measures focuses teachers only on the results. It does not give them information about what they need to do to get different results.

The Board discussed this information and asked clarifying questions. The Board talked about ways to systematically measure behavioral predictors of post-secondary success like perseverance and work ethic. Dr. Hardebeck said that intentional teacher observations can help greatly in this area. She added that teachers are trained in culturally responsive practices and the District has spent some time trying to teach those strategies.

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, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Charles Vue, Chue Xiong

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.