

Eau Claire Board of Education
Monday, November 21, 2016

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Members present

Carolyn Barstad, Kathryn P Duax, Jennifer Fager, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue

1. REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Hambuch-Boyle called the meeting to order at 7 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

John Jungbluth commended the students who were selected to participate in the WSMA concert. He said this is equal to having achieved a state tournament championship. Mr. Jungbluth congratulated the Board on the success of the referendum. He urged the Board to use the money wisely so that it serves the best interests of students and to continue to fight for school funding reform.

Mark Goings spoke as president of the Eau Claire Association of Educators. He thanked the Board, District staff, and the Support Eau Claire Public Schools group for working hard to pass the referendum. He also thanked the community for their support and for affirming that Eau Claire cares about students and the value of education.

Lesley Sauls Fredrickson said she was proud of the way the community came together to pass the referendum. She thanked the Board, Dr. Hardebeck and the community.

3. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hardebeck shared an update of the Board of Education's calendar of events.

Superintendent Hardebeck said that each year students from all over the state audition for the Wisconsin School Music Association's State Honors Ensembles-Band, Choir, Orchestra and Jazz Band. There are over 1,600 students who auditioned for this year's ensembles, and only 426 of them made it into this year's ensembles. Out of the 426 who auditioned from the state, 14 ECASD students performed in these ensembles: 3 choir students, 2 Band, 2 Jazz Band and 6 orchestra students represented Memorial, and one band student represented North High School. Those students came forward and introduced themselves and were recognized by the Board.

In addition to being the section leader in the WSMA State Honors Band, North student Hayden Guckenburg was also recognized for being selected for the 2017 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. He will join 750 student musicians from around the world at the historic venue for five days in February.

Officers of the Support Eau Claire Public Schools group were recognized and thanked by Dr. Hardebeck for the countless hours they worked to help pass the referendum. Those recognized included Flo Sheridan, Mike McHorney, Lesley Sauls Frederikson, and Paul Gandrud. Paul was also instrumental in producing the Lifetouch video showing the needs in the District for the referendum. Lucinda Kemmet was not able to attend but will be recognized at the next Board meeting.

Steve Betchkel and Dick Pervis from Chippewa Valley Community Television were thanked for creating the *Road to Referendum* documentary.

Dr. Hardebeck also thanked the community, staff, the SECPS officers and Mark Goings who stepped up to support the referendum.

3.2 Board President's Report

President Hambuch-Boyle thanked the community for the positive results of the referendum as well as all of those who helped get the word out about how public schools are funded in Wisconsin.

Chris Hambuch-Boyle shared information she received at the following events that she recently attended:

- 1) WASB's Legislative Advocacy Conference in Steven's Point
- 2) Todd Berry's presentation at the WASB conference and Chamber of Commerce's Eggs and Issues

The Board of Education Election Procedures were shared. There will be a candidate forum for all those interested in running for School Board on December 15th at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Correspondences were received from Regis Catholic Schools, Emmanuel Lutheran and Messiah Lutheran about wanting to keep school start times the same. They will be shared with the Start Time Committee.

Plans are underway to hold a candidate forum for those running for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Once more details are prepared, they will be shared with the community.

An application will be going out for parents and community members who may want to be part of the Equity Review Committee to look at donations made to the ECASD.

A ruling was recently issued by the federal court that Wisconsin's Republican-drawn redistricting maps are unconstitutional.

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ryan Cramer checked with other schools in the Big Rivers Conference to see what they charge for student fees. ECASD students pay between \$100 to \$300 per sport with an \$800 family cap. Students at Chippewa Falls pay \$20 per sport, Hudson students pay \$75/sport with a \$300 family cap. He said the trend with similar-sized districts is that students pay much less than ECASD students do. He would support lowering athletic fees.

Angela Arnholt agreed that sport fees should be lowered and said that students would appreciate the Board looking into dropping them.

5. OTHER REPORTS

5.1 Board Committee Reports

The Budget Development Committee has been discussing the prioritization of pending items related to the budget. The group went through an exercise to come to consensus on priorities. A big factor in prioritization will be the amount of time each item will take and whether some items can move in parallel. Proposed timelines for completing these projects will be done by administration and shared at the next meeting.

The Demographic Trends Committee met but did not have a quorum.

The LEAP Committee welcomed new committee members and discussed the dates for the "*Race to Nowhere*" showings. A new proposal will be coming to the Board in December for Memorial's documentary theater.

The Policy & Governance Committee reviewed and modified the student assessment policy and discussed forming an Equity Review Committee to look at donations. There will also be revisions to policies 333, 453.1, and 345.4 shared.

5.2 Legislative Update

Joe Luginbill said that State Superintendent Evers announced the 2017-19 budget requests that will be sent to the Governor. He reviewed the top fiscal priorities for schools. One funding reform that will be advanced would weigh the per pupil categorical aid for students living in poverty and foster care. Educational Savings Accounts are gaining momentum. Parent could use a set amount of public money to pay for their education. It is similar to a voucher programs but broader. The goal would be for more flexibility and parental control.

Mr. Luginbill shared copies of the Legislative Advocacy Worksheets with the Board that he asked them to fill out based on their awareness on the topics listed.

6. CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

Motion by Jennifer Fager, second by Kathryn P Duax, to approve the following Consent Resolution Items:

- Minutes of November 7, 2016
- Minutes of Closed Session - November 7, 2016
- Financial Report - October 2016
- Gifts in the amount of \$16,723.93 for the period of October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$5,563,991.23 and net payroll in the amount of \$3,387,640.32 for the period of October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.
- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Adopt New Policy 342.8 - Section 504 Plans and Services for Students with Disabilities
- Disallow Insurance Claim

Motion carried

Yes: Carolyn Barstad, Kathryn P Duax, Jennifer Fager, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue

7. INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION(S)

7.1 January, March and July 2017 Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Charles Vue, second by Aaron Harder, to adjust Board Meeting Dates as follows: January 9 & 23, 2017; March 27, 2017; July 24, 2017

Motion carried

Yes: Carolyn Barstad, Kathryn P Duax, Jennifer Fager, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue

7.2 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in Amount Not to Exceed \$6,500,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)1, WIS. STATS.

Motion by Joe Luginbill, second by Charles Vue, that the Board of Education award the sale of a tax and revenue anticipation notes in the amount of \$3,500,000 at a net effective interest rate of 1.0945% to Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated and in the amount of \$2,500,000 at a net effective interest rate of 1.4150% to Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. with aggregate principal sum of not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the period of November 29, 2016 through August 23, 2017.

Motion carried

Yes: Carolyn Barstad, Kathryn P Duax, Jennifer Fager, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue

7.3 Student Transit Contract

Motion by Joe Luginbill, second by Kathryn P Duax, that the Board of Education approve the transportation contract as presented with the rates updated to reflect the 2016-2017 revenue limit increase of .40%. The contract also includes a one-year extension of time to make the contract for five years.

Motion carried

Yes: Carolyn Barstad, Kathryn P Duax, Jennifer Fager, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue

8. ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9.1 Opening of School & Equity Report - Academic Achievement

Michelle Radtke, Director of Assessment, reviewed Part II of the Annual Opening of School Report with a focus on academic achievement. She explained that staff use a Strategic Assessment System approach to measure progress towards college and career readiness, including academic preparedness and social-emotional competence. Summative data helps show areas of strengths and gaps in curriculum and instruction and especially for student subgroups.

Ms. Radtke looked at how classrooms, schools and programs, and the District use measures for accountability. She also shared examples of formative, interim, and summative assessments.

Ms. Radtke reviewed accountability report cards by school. Four schools earned a Significantly Exceeds Expectations rating for the 2015-16 report card, ten earned Exceeds Expectations, and four earned Meets Expectations. There were fourteen schools that increased their accountability score and ten moved up an accountability rating.

At the District level, ECASD earned a rating of Exceeds Expectations, which was up from the 2013-14 rating of Meets Expectations. Ms. Radtke reviewed how the District compared to the state. The District continues to make progress every year by providing more postsecondary experiences to students. The number of students taking AP courses has also increased as well as the number of exams taken and passed with a 3 or higher. ECASD also outperformed the state in ACT scores.

The District places more emphasis on student achievement than student growth because it has less economically disadvantaged students than not economically disadvantaged. The District is outperforming the state in student achievement, student growth and closing the gaps in English Language Arts and Mathematics as well as on-track and post-secondary readiness.

The District has identified areas where more work needs to be done for special education students and economically disadvantaged students. Schools will analyze their School Report Cards with building leadership teams along with other measures to determine if they need to make changes in their School Improvement Plans. The District Report Card will also be analyzed to determine focus areas in programming and school services for the strategic plan.

Discussion Items 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and 9.5

Jennifer Fager moved, second by Kathryn Duax, to table Items 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and 9.5.

Motion carried

Yes: Carolyn Barstad, Kathryn P Duax, Jennifer Fager, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue

9.2 Rescind Policy 447.3 - Suspension & Expulsion of Students

Item Tabled.

9.3 Discussion & Possible First Reading of Policy 447 - Student Discipline and Positive Behavior Interventions

Item Tabled.

9.4 Discussion & Possible First Reading of Policy 362 – Interlibrary Loan

Item Tabled.

9.5 Discussion & Possible First Reading of Policy 511 - Equal Opportunity Employment

Item Tabled.

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURN

Joe Luginbill moved, second by Aaron Harder, to adjourn committee meeting and reconvene in closed session.

Motion carried

Yes: Carolyn Barstad, Kathryn P Duax, Jennifer Fager, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.