

## **Eau Claire School Board Agenda Monday, December 4, 2017**

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### **Members present**

Kathryn P Duax, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue, Eric D Torres, Lori Bica

### **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**

No one signed up to address the Board.

### **3. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **3.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Hardebeck reviewed the Board's calendar of upcoming events.

#### **3.2 Board President's Report**

President Chris Hambuch-Boyle thanked Lauren Priem for the comments she made during the last meeting about how thankful she was for the way the threats were handled at Memorial. President Hambuch-Boyle said she should have thanked the staff, administration, Student Transit, and Eau Claire Police Department for their efforts and was remiss in not doing so.

President Hambuch-Boyle received a letter from WASB thanking the Board for submitting a resolution to be considered at the Delegate Assembly. That resolution will go before the entire assembly. Kathryn Duax will be the Board's delegate and Joe Luginbill serves on WASB's Resolution Advisory Committee, so they will both attend the assembly.

President Hambuch-Boyle said as the Board looks at its governance structure, the School Board Handbook sub-committee will meet again on December 13 to compile the changes submitted by Board members and will get a final draft to the Board in December or January.

The Board received a Happy Thanksgiving card from North High's Student Council.

#### **4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Lauren Priem said that during the bomb threat, students at Memorial seemed to know more than the staff did as it was progressing. She suggested that a process be developed where staff can get the information as quickly as students can. Lauren reported that she thought it would be beneficial to develop a system to evaluate how teachers have taught them, especially in AP courses, at the end of the year. She said it would have to be done in a way that is fair to teachers, and students would need to be respectful and mature about it.

Ryan Cramer said he has also been thinking about a way to have students evaluate staff, particularly Advanced Placement or PLTW teachers where students must pay to take the tests. Ryan said that a survey will be going out to students soon to get feedback on the importance of class rank, rigor, etc. to assist the Academic Recognition System sub-committee develop a policy.

#### **5. OTHER REPORTS**

##### **5.1 School Board Committee Reports**

Policy & Governance has drafted a new home visiting policy, which will come to the Board on December 18 for a possible first reading. Administration will work with other stakeholders to develop a home visiting guide. The committee also discussed play-based learning and asked that a committee be formed. The sub-committee that is discussing the scope of the School Resource Officers will share information with P & G to help finalize that policy.

##### **5.2 Legislative Update**

Joe Luginbill reported that the proposed resolutions for the 2018 WASB Delegate Assembly are now available on their website. The Governor recently signed six education-related bills into law. The Senate passed their version of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The plan, as passed, could add significantly to the federal debt over the next decade, which many education leaders fear could trigger calls for significant reductions in spending for federal programs. The House of Representatives passed its own version of the tax reform legislation.

#### **6. CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA**

Motion by Joe Luginbill, second by Charles Vue, to approve the following Consent Resolution Agenda Items:

- Minutes of November 20, 2017
- Human Resources - Employment Report
- 2018-2019 School Year Calendar – Version 2

Motion carried

Yes: Kathryn P Duax, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue, Eric D Torres, Lori Bica

## **7. INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION(S)**

### **7.1 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$30,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

Abby Johnson reminded the Board that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will remove the ability of districts to refinance. The average current interest rate is 4% and the anticipated average refinanced interest rate is at 3%. She reviewed two options for the Board to consider: a parameters resolution or a private placement. With refinancing, the District could save over \$1 million over the life of the loan, which would reduce the tax levy each year.

Motion by Charles Vue, second by Kathryn P Duax, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$30,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

Motion carried

Yes: Kathryn P Duax, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue, Eric D Torres, Lori Bica

Motion by Aaron Harder, second by Eric D Torres, to approve the following parameters:

- Flexibility
- Amount not to exceed \$30 Million
- Interest Rate will not exceed 3.25%
- Present value debt service savings should be at least 2%
- Larger number of deals coming to market to help achieve targeted savings
- Limits placed on Cost of Issuance
- Board President and Clerk are delegated to approve
- Close by December 28, 2017

Motion carried

Yes: Kathryn P Duax, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue, Eric D Torres, Lori Bica

## **8. ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE**

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **9.1 Safety & Security Protocol Update**

Tim Leibham, Executive Director of Administration, and Carrie Hallquist, Safety Coordinator, shared information about the District's protocol for handling emergency situations. The District transitioned to an Incident Command System

and trained administrators in 2015. In 2016, all staff received information related to the Hide Out/Get Out and off-site evacuations. Meetings were held with the Eau Claire Police Department to discuss how they respond to incidents and how the District can help in that response.

The CrisisGo smartphone app was instituted. This allows staff to see maps of facilities, different emergency contacts, and links to Skyward for rosters of students. There are messaging features of CrisisGo that are being investigated as well.

In 2017-18 all staff have been updated on the Incident Command System and Hide Out/Get Out. In addition, staff visited their off-site evacuation locations. Drill requirements were clarified. Paging directions were given to principals and were tested. CrisisGo has been integrated with Active Directory for automatic updating of staff changes and all staff have access. There were three AEDs added at the high schools. Recently a debriefing was held with the Eau Claire Police Department, Student Transit and administration regarding the recent threat incident.

The next areas of focus will be on emergency communications utilizing Informacast, additional features of CrisisGo, Safe Routes to School and Emergency Management Workgroup to do a review of the District's security systems.

It was noted that the youth PRIDE survey included questions about on-line risk behaviors. Ms. Hallquist said she would like to see the results of that survey. Commissioners Duax and Luginbill serve on the Alliance and will share results. The county can add questions to the PRIDE survey, so Ms. Hallquist was asked to share anything that might be specific to the work of the Emergency Management Workgroup with the Alliance.

## **9.2 Review of Plans to Update Montessori & McKinley as Approved in the November 2016 Referendum**

Abby Johnson, Executive Director of Business Services, and Holly Kitchell, District Architect, reviewed plans for Montessori's secure entrance. It was suggested that the secure entrance be moved to the other side of the building. This takes into consideration parking issues around the school. The referendum plan included a request to redesign the parking lot. With the entrance on the other side of the building, that office would overlook the parking lot. The existing office could be used a resource space. This would still fall within the budget approved by the referendum.

The Board talked about collaborating with L.E. Phillip Senior Center to use their parking lot. Principal Todd Johnson said they have had conversations with the center and they are not interested in allowing the school to use their lot.

The plans for an updated secure entrance at McKinley were reviewed as well. It was determined that rather than renovating and reconfiguring the existing space, a new structure could be built for a similar or lesser dollar amount. The existing gym

would be left and the new structure would be built close to the existing building. Once completed, the old building would be torn down. This would allow classes to continue while construction is taking place and would alleviate the need to pay overtime to contractors. Ms. Johnson said the referendum budget had \$2.6 million set aside for this project. HSR feels the construction costs would range from \$2 million to \$2.4 million.

Some Board members asked if there would be a way to involve students in construction of McKinley with an apprenticeship opportunity. There have been some models used across the state that have been quite successful. Students would have a sense of pride in working on their school. Abby Johnson said she would share this information with Larry Sommerfeld, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

#### **10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

#### **11. ADJOURN**

Motion by Joe Luginbill, second by Eric D Torres, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Kathryn P Duax, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue, Eric D Torres, Lori Bica

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.