

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 25, 2017
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Members present

Kathryn P Duax, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Aaron Harder, Joe Luginbill, Charles Vue

Members absent

Lori Bica, Eric Torres

1. SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Hambuch-Boyle called the special 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. UPDATE ON THE 2017-2018 BUDGET

Abby Johnson shared the updated figures for the 2017-18 budget. She noted that the total tax levy will be \$62,491,730, which is an increase of .77% from 2017. However, the property taxes will go down by 41 cents per \$1,000 of equalized value. The total operating budget will be \$137,844,489.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2017-2018 EAU CLAIRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Tiffany Leightongiffey said she has continued to contact Human Resources and the School Board with concerns about what we can be done to fix those employees in the 'gap' group. When she heard that there was \$5 million included in the budget for compensation, she thought there might be money to support these teachers in this group. She said that she is at Level B but is mentoring a new teacher who is on Level D. She said she doesn't feel valued and has had to consider leaving the District. She said the District will have to continue to hire new teachers if it doesn't address these concerns.

Jenae Werner said she was concerned that more discussion didn't take place during the budget presentation about compensation increases for those teachers in the 'gap' group. She said that she is mentoring new teachers coming in who were placed at a higher level than she is currently at. This has been difficult for her and she has had to consider leaving the District.

4. ADJOURN TO SPECIAL MEETING

5. INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION

5.1 Adoption of the 2017-2018 ECASD Budget

School Board members said they have had conversations about teachers in the 'gap' ground at several Budget Development Meetings. It continues to be a topic and will be addressed again at future meetings. It was noted that the District is not in a position financially to do anything for the 2017-18 year but it doesn't mean they are done discussing it.

Motion by Joe Luginbill, second by Kathryn P Duax, to adopt the 2017-18 Recommended Budget.

Motion carried

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

6. ADJOURN

Motion by Charles Vue, second by Kathryn Duax, to adjourn meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.