

Eau Claire School Board Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2020

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Members present

Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00pm

President Torres called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Tim Nordin, to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f); Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

OPEN SESSION - 7:00 p.m.

President Torres called for the Board to reconvene in Open Session at 7:02pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Montessori student Julianna B. Board Secretary Meta Miske confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. A roll call was conducted to verify quorum.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mark Goings asked the Board to consider operational needs when planning for the referendum.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hardebeck reviewed the Board's calendar of events. She recognized three recipients of awards from the Herb Kohl Foundation: Taylor Cain,

student, and Aaron Athas and Kayleigh McGinnis, teachers. She thanked the Chippewa Valley Museum for their partnership and recognized National School Breakfast Week.

Board President's Report

President Torres gave an update on the Superintendent Search. He noted there is a resolution on the consent agenda which is in response to concerns about possible deportation of members of the Hmong community.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Report

Morgan Priem gave an update from Memorial including athletics, arts, clubs, and voter registration.

OTHER REPORTS

School Board Committee Reports

Budget Development Committee met last week and discussed the OPEB actuarial study and proposed employee engagement committee.

LEAP Committee will meet March 10.

Demographic Trends & Facilities Planning Committee met last Thursday and worked on short-term relief plans for Manz, Meadowview, and Putnam, and a long-term solution for those schools.

Policy & Governance Committee met last Tuesday, worked on Policy 185 and have recommended a new policy regarding ECASD's relationship with ECPSF.

Legislative Update

Commissioner Nordin gave an update.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

Commissioner Bica pulled 8.7 Resolution in Support of the Hmong Community to be read before approval.

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Charles Vue, to approve the following Consent Resolution Agenda items (8.2-8.6):

- Minutes of February 17, 2020
- Minutes of Closed Session - February 17, 2020
- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Proposed Changes to Policy 672 – Purchasing
- 5-Year Capital Project Bids

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

President Torres read the Resolution in Support of the Hmong Community aloud.

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Laurie Klinkhammer, to approve Consent Resolution Agenda Item 8.7 Resolution in Support of the Hmong Community.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION(S) **Eau Claire Virtual School Expansion Proposal**

Mr. Jim Schmitt reviewed the expansion proposal.

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Tim Nordin to approve the Eau Claire Virtual School Expansion Proposal as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Literacy Initiative Update

Mr. Jim Schmitt and several staff members including teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators, presented the Literacy Update. They discussed the science of reading, the foundational skills ECASD is focusing on, rollout of the new initiative, collaboration including cross-disciplinary collaboration, and results.

Mr. Schmitt said moving forward they will build on current success, align resources, expand disciplinary literacy focus, and use achievement data to refine implementation.

Law Enforcement Officials and School Resource Officers Annual Report

Ms. Kim Koller and Sergeant Andy Wise from ECPD presented the first annual report on the partnership between ECASD and ECPD. Policy 445 dictates an annual review of SRO and Student Contact data, review of the Policy, and review of the MOU between ECASD and ECPD.

Ms. Koller reviewed data regarding 2019-2020 SRO contacts and dispositions. Sgt. Wise spoke about professional development the SRO's have completed and will complete, as well as ECPD's commitment to partner with ECASD.

There are no recommended changes to Policy 445 or the MOU. Ms. Koller said there is a plan to refine data collection and reporting, share the data with schools, and have principals and SROs develop plans to address needs.

Questions were invited. Board members asked about the over-representation of students of color. It was asked to include data regarding gender. Ms. Koller will prepare a memo for the Board disaggregating the data by race and gender. It was asked for more diversity among the SRO's such as a female SRO or person-of-color. Sgt. Wise will take the recommendation to the ECPD.

Referendum Calendar Discussion

Dr. Hardebeck shared a draft task list and calendar. She pointed out several tasks to be completed by the May 18 Board meeting including scheduling and holding work sessions, scheduling and holding community forums, and receiving recommendations from Budget Development Committee.

Agenda Setting Committee will schedule work sessions and forums.

Discussion and Possible First Reading of changes to Policy 840 - Gifts to the Eau Claire Area School District

Commissioner Nordin read the policy change. There were no questions. Policy 840 will appear on the next Consent Resolution Agenda.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Torres asked for volunteers to interview Student Representatives for next year. Interested Board members should contact President Torres.

ADJOURN

Motion by Charles Vue, second by Aaron Harder to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Phil Lyons, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.