

## **Eau Claire School Board Minutes**

**Friday, March 13, 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 - 7:00 p.m.**

President Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. 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.

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Laurie Klinkhammer to move to Closed Session pursuant to 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

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

President Torres called for the Board to reconvene to Open Session for the Special Meeting at 7:56pm.

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

#### **COVID-19 Discussion**

A plan to close schools after 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and cancel all before and after school activities and field trips as of 6:00am on Saturday, March 14, 2020 was reviewed. The plan included ways to support student learning during the closure, provide meals to students who need it, get student medication home, and keep staff supported and at work. It was stated multiple times that the situation is changing rapidly, and the plan will be reviewed and modified as the situation changes. The State has indicated a possible reopening of schools on Monday, April 6, 2020. That date may change as well as the situation changes.

Board members discussed and asked questions.

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Phil Lyons, to suspend the rules and allow public comment.

Motion carried

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

Lieske Giese, Director of Eau Claire City-County Health Department spoke that while she doesn't believe science supports the State's decision to close all schools, her department will continue to collaborate with and support the ECASD through the situation and closure.

Mark Goings questioned if the situation would warrant another special meeting as changes are needed in the coming days.

The Board stated the Superintendent has the authority to make decisions related to the closure and staffing, but she has consistently gathered input from the Board as well as updated and utilized the District's Pandemic Plan. The Board and Superintendent will continue to adapt and communicate quickly as changes are needed.

## **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 8:31pm.