

**Eau Claire School Board Minutes**  
**Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Blended Model – ECASD Administration Building and Livestream**  
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**Members present**

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

**Members absent**

Stephanie Farrar, Erica Zerr

**CONVENE (GC-1)**

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Terri Grzyb confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. A roll call was conducted to verify quorum.

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Joshua Clements to move to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically concerning a complaint involving former and current employees.

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

**RECONVENE (GC-1)**

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the Board took no action during Closed Session. Conan and Zeike Y. from Robbins Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)**

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for January 8, 2024.

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

**RECOGNITION (R-1)**

Superintendent Johnson recognized National Mentoring Month and Sam Davey Elementary for Student Letters of Appreciation to Veterans. Both President Nordin and Superintendent Johnson thanked Student Representative Mira B. for serving with our Board.

**PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)**

No citizens of the public signed up to address the Board.

**REPORTS**

**Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)**

Commissioner Johnson provided a Referendum Committee report. The committee met on January 5 to discuss the next steps for the November referendum. Items included soliciting an RFP for a survey to go out and the consideration of initial amounts and the financial impact of those amounts. The committee hopes to have more information to share with the Board in April and will continue to gather information for different amounts and break them down into categories.

**Legislative Liaison**

No Legislative Liaison report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)**

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Superintendent's Consent Agenda items:

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Financial Report - October 2023
- Cash balances by financial institution as of October 31, 2023
- Cash balances by financial institution as of November 30, 2023
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$6,910,693.03 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,203,937.05 for the period of October 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$3,838,427.75 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,332,660.86 for the period of November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023
- Gifts in the amount of \$39,475.30 for the period of November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023
- Head Start Grant Approval

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

**BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)**

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - December 18, 2023
- Proclamation Recognizing National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

**FOCUS ON RESULTS**

Kaying Xiong, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education, and Misti Trowbridge, Director of Student Services, presented information on the Graduation Credit Attainment Program (GCAP). Our District uses an equitable multi-level system of support framework (EMLSS) to provide equitable resources, practices, and services to every student. Within this framework are different levels of support, one being GCAP as a selective intervention in Tier II. GCAP, now in its second year, helps students who are credit deficient find a way to graduate. Teachers are licensed in alternative education and conduct daily check-ins with students. Emphasis is placed on staff forming relationships with students which helps with attendance and academic performance. Students also have access to mentoring services. Louie Decise, GCAP Counselor at North High School, and Kati Volkman, GCAP Counselor at Memorial High School, shared specific program details at each of their schools. Moving forward, the District will continue to look at additional supports and explore more options that can further help students needing credits. Discussion and questions followed.

**MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS**

Before presenting the monitoring report, Superintendent Johnson announced that Nicole Vinopal will be an Assistant Principal at North High School starting on January 24, 2024 (this was approved on the employment report).

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-9 Budget and Financial Planning. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for OE-9 Budget and Financial Planning, as written. *No action taken until after amendment.*

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Joshua Clements to amend OE-9.7 (in all 3 places) to "In Compliance."

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for OE-9 Budget and Financial Planning, as amended.

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-10 Financial Administration. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for OE-10 Financial Administration.

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

**MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION**

The School Board discussed Resolutions that will be considered by the Delegate Assembly at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Convention on January 17, 2024, in Milwaukee. President Nordin is the WASB Delegate (Commissioner Farrar is the back up).

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Lori Bica to instruct the WASB Delegate to vote yes on each of the proposed Resolutions.

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Tim Nordin

Abstain: Marquell Johnson

**BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)**

Commissioner Bica led the Board debrief.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Lori Bica to adjourn meeting.

**Motion carried**

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.