

Eau Claire School Board Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Blended Model – ECASD Administration Building and Teams Virtual Meeting

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Members present

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements (arrived 7:14 p.m.), Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to adopt the Board agenda for August 15, 2022.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized Meadowview Elementary for their 5th Grade Leaders and Robbins Elementary for their Kindness Kickoff.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizen addressed the Board: Mark Goings.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Lyons provided an update. The Referendum Committee has met several times and crafted possible referendum questions to be looked at by the Board.

Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Johnson provided a Legislative update. The WI DPI released sudden cardiac arrest resources for district use in connection with new mandates. New guidance has been released that helps public elementary and secondary schools fill their responsibilities to meet the needs of students with disabilities. The WI Office of Children's Mental Health has released a new fact sheet to help strengthen mental health in students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Stephanie Farrar to approve the following Superintendent's Consent Agenda items:

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Gifts in the amount of \$200,052.04 for the period of June 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$16,520,073.85 and net payroll in the amount of \$4,531,687.71 for the period of June 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022
- 5-Year Capital Project Bids

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Phil Lyons to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Closed Session - July 18, 2022
- Minutes of Board Meeting - July 18, 2022
- Minutes of Board Meeting - August 1, 2022
- Change to Board Meeting Date
- R-1 Mega Result: Affirm
- OE-1 Global Operational Expectation: Affirm

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr
Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

Executive Director of Human Resources, Kay Marks, presented modifications to the 2022-2023 Employee Handbook. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Lori Bica to approve the 2022-2023 Employee Handbook modifications, as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr
No: Marquell Johnson

Executive Director of Business Services, Abby Johnson, presented information to help the Board decide on the number of questions and type of question for the upcoming referendum. This included information that had been requested since the last Board work session, Referendum Committee recommendation, and reviewing the possible referendum questions. The Referendum Committee recommended a capital-only question because ESSER Funds are available for operational costs. Discussion and questions followed, with the Board agreeing on a \$98.6 million question. The amount will be used for additions and renovations at Memorial and North High, South Middle, and Putnam Heights Elementary Schools. Maintenance and improvements will take place at Locust Lane, Manz, Meadowview, Northwoods, Putnam Heights, Sam Davey, and Sherman Elementary, Northstar and South Middle, and Memorial and North High Schools.

Motion by Marquell Johnson, second by Phil Lyons to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$98,600,000 for Option 2 (Question B in presentation slide). No action taken until after amendment.

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Marquell Johnson to amend the motion to strike the word "athletic" and replace with "extra-curricular" for Option 2 question.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Motion by Marquell Johnson, second by Phil Lyons to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$98,600,000 for Option 2 (Question B in presentation slide), as amended.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Lori Bica to adopt the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$98,600,000.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Commissioner Zerr led the Board debrief.

ADJOURN

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.