

Eau Claire School Board Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Blended Model – ECASD Administration Building and Teams Virtual Meeting

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Members present

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

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to move to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(a) Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body, 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, and 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.

Motion carried

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

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and announced that the Board made a decision on a procedural issue related to a grievance in Closed Session. Cadell R., McKenzie R., and Kiana R., all students at Meadowview Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Stephanie Farrar to adopt the Board agenda for November 28, 2022.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized the Meadowview Veterans Day Program and Roosevelt Student Artwork. On behalf of the Board, President Nordin thanked the ECASD community for supporting our schools, as well as the volunteers who advocated for our referendum and the staff who ensured community members had accurate and up-to-date information for making an informed vote. Special recognition was given to Mike Johnson, Abby Johnson, Kim Koller, and Teri Piper Thompson.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the Board: Andrew Seaborg, Luna Johnson, Carolina Johnson (passing on to Addison Lewis to speak), Manny Fernandez, Clay Lawton, Reiko Shinno, Ka Vue, Eli Vang, Mackenzie Hurless, Joshua Miller, Susan Kishel, Sheng Lor, Kim Cronk, Bryan Renton, Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Pearl Xiong, True Vue, David Carlson.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Lyons said the Referendum Committee has not met since the passage of the referendum. The Committee is trying to arrange a meeting to discuss financing.

Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Johnson provided a Legislative Liaison update on the following:

Study committee on shared school services, a record \$52 million from the state's Common School Fund to fund Wisconsin's public school libraries for the 2022-23 school year, Wisconsin DPI report cards released, and 64 of 81 school district referendum approved on November 8, representing a 79 percent overall passage rate.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Gifts in the amount of \$16,009.97 for the period of October 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$6,555,626.37 and net payroll in the amount of \$4,611,780.91 for the period of October 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022
- Financial Report - October 2022

Motion carried

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

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - November 7, 2022
- Approve Key Communicators Group

Motion carried

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

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for R-2, Academic Achievement. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Phil Lyons, second by Tim Nordin to accept the monitoring report for R-2 Academic Achievement.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Stephanie Farrar, Phil Lyons, Tim Nordin

No: Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Michel Clark, Director at Baird Public Finance, presented on Referendum financing. Items included interest rates, financing considerations, parameters resolution, pricing agent, and timeline.

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Commissioner Bica 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 10:00 p.m.