

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
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Members present

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements (joined virtually at 7:07 p.m.), Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

Members absent

Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin

CONVENE (GC-1)

Vice President Bica called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Kennedy S. from DeLong Middle School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for October 7, 2024.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

Not Present at Vote: Joshua Clements

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Michelle Golden recognized National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day, School Board Recognition Week, Indigenous Peoples' Day, National School Lunch Week, National School Principals Month, and National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. During the recognition of the School Board, Vice President Lori Bica welcomed the newest student representative, Winter Fedie, from McKinley Charter School.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizen addressed the School Board: Mark Goings. Mark commended the District for extending the Wellness date.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Johnson said there are referendum informational sessions occurring throughout the week.

Legislative Liaison Report

Commissioner Dement provided updates on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's toolkits for literacy remediation plans and the US Department of Education's resources for Title 9 compliance.

Coherent Governance Wisdom Sharing Update

Commissioner Dement shared insights from the Wisdom Sharing Conference that he and Commissioner Farrar attended, emphasizing the importance of coherent governance and learning from other school districts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Cash balances by financial institution as of July 31, 2024
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$17,424,623.31 and net payroll in the amount of \$4,335,069.26 for the period of July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024
- Head Start Annual Report 2023-2024
- Referendum Project Bids

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Minutes of Board Meeting - September 16, 2024

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Mandy Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the monitoring report for R-3 Lifelong Personal Development, sharing what is new in the report and highlighting points of pride, areas for growth, and future plans for improvement. Increased growth scores in math and ELA, as well as higher attendance rates, were areas of pride. Areas for growth included the need for appropriate student outcome data to monitor policies and improvements in student climate survey results. Looking ahead, the District will address initiatives to support students' social and emotional well-being and make efforts to improve the school environment based on student climate survey data. The development of the ECASD Learner Profile, which aims to define essential competencies for students to be life-ready, is also planned for the future. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for R-3 Lifelong Personal Development.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

Dr. Mark Elworthy, Executive Director of Business Services, reviewed the unaudited Operating Revenue and Expenses for 2023-24, as well as the Preliminary 2024-25 Budget Adoption. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the preliminary 2024-2025 budget as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Vice President Bica asked Board members to complete the survey before adjourning.

ADJOURN

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.