

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, November 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
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Members present

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements (joined virtually), Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Members absent

Stephanie Farrar

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. Bruce Y. from South Middle School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for November 4, 2024.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized National School Psychology Week, National Native American Heritage Month, and the Veterans Day Programs in our schools.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the School Board: Macey Heldstab and Mark Goings. Macey, a student from Memorial High School involved with the Eco Warriors Club, talked about reducing waste at our schools. Mark Goings thanked those who helped with the referendum.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Johnson said an email was sent to families with information about the referendum.

Legislative Liaison Report

Commissioner Dement did not have a report.

Board President Report – School Board Elections

The Board is hosting an informational session for individuals interested in running for the School Board or learning more about the work of the Board. The session will take place on November 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building. President Nordin reminded us that Election Day is on Tuesday and encourages everyone to vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report

Motion carried

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

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - October 21, 2024
- Minutes of Budget Hearing - October 28, 2024

- Board Summary Statement for R-3: Lifelong Personal Development and Growth
- Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,000,000
- Delegate Authority to Executive Director of Business Services to Request Cash Advances on the Line of Credit at Merchants Bank through June 30, 2025

Motion carried

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

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

Election of Clerk Designee

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Erica Zerr to elect Dr. Mark Elworthy as Clerk Designee. Dr. Mark Elworthy accepted the nomination.

Motion carried

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

Eau Claire Area School District Library Plan for 2024-2027

James Martin, Director of Technology, and Caroline Akervik, Library Media Coordinator, presented the updated Eau Claire Area School District Library Plan for 2024-2027, emphasizing the vision and role of libraries in promoting reading, digital citizenship, and 21st-century skills. They highlighted the importance of libraries as inclusive and collaborative learning spaces that allow student to pursue interests. The Common School Fund is the primary source of funding for many library resources. Library Media Specialists (Mary MacLeod from Prairie Ridge, Lauren Zygowicz from Lakeshore and Robbins, and Becky Wojahn from Memorial) shared various activities and the diverse resources available in the district's libraries. Additionally, both high school libraries will be remodeled in summer 2025, using remaining referendum money. Discussion and questions followed. No action was taken.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Dr. Mark Elworthy, Executive Director of Business Services, and his staff presented the monitoring report for OE-3 Climate Commitment. Jeff Nestor, Facilities General Manager, shared past, current, and future projects including HVAC upgrades, solar panels, low maintenance flooring, and energy-efficient building improvements, all of which have reduced energy consumption and waste. Staff members and a student shared their successful composting program at Locust Lane. They emphasized the importance of student involvement and the positive impact on the environment. Future District projects include implementing composting at the middle schools and high schools, as well as planting new trees, including native species. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for OE-3 Climate Commitment, as presented. Discussion on motion.

Motion carried

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

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

President Nordin asked Board members to complete the survey before adjourning.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.