

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
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Members present

Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson (departed at 7:00 p.m.), Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Members absent

Joshua Clements

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Jarrett Dement 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.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and announced that the Board took no action during Closed Session. Perrin D. from Flynn Elementary School and Emmett J. from Sam Davey Elementary School 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 18, 2024.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized Flynn Elementary School for their Change for Change coin drive and Sam Davey Elementary for their Community Service Projects.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizen addressed the School Board: Kurt Lothe, on behalf of Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School. Kurt thanked the School Board for creating and supporting the school and invited them to upcoming events.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Johnson was not in attendance to provide a report. On behalf of the entire School Board and the District, President Nordin expressed gratitude to the community for approving the referendum and their overwhelming support.

Legislative Liaison Report

Commissioner Dement provided a Legislative update, which included the following:

- The Department of Administration announced that Wisconsin has a \$4.6 billion surplus and 121 school districts in WI went to referendum. On November 5, the ECASD operational referendum passed with 64% of the vote; almost 80% of state educational referendums passed.
- State Superintendent, Dr. Jill Underly, submitted a biennial budget request which includes \$4 billion for investments in K-12 public education.
- Governor Evers and DWD announced \$1 million in grant funding for teacher training and recruitment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$9,559,935.69 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,181,752.99 for the period of September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$10,758,625.52 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,278,631.41 for the period of October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024
- Transportation Contract

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - November 4, 2024
- Eau Claire Area School District Library Plan for 2024-2027
- Board Summary Statement for R-4: Citizens of a Diverse Community
- Board Summary Statement for OE-3: Climate Commitment
- American Education Week Proclamation

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

FOCUS ON RESULTS

Kaying Xiong, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education, and Dana McConnell, Director of Special Education, presented Tier III supports in our District, focusing on Indicator 8 (Parent Involvement). Heather Griffith, SPED Family Engagement Coordinator, emphasized the importance in bridging the gap between families and educators and presented the results of the Special Education Family Involvement Survey. Staff from Prairie Ridge Early Learning shared practices and strategies on how they engage families in supporting students. Discussion and questions followed.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-4 Student Learning Environment. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for OE-4 Student Learning Environment, as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

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

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.