

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, AUGUST 20, 2012  
PRESIDENT CRAIG PRESIDING**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Secretary Patti Iverson confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed and was in compliance with the open meeting law.

Roll call was taken and the following commissioners were present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Faanes, Janke, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: None.

**NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION**

President Craig announced that the Board would go into closed session following the committee meeting under 19.85 (1)(e)(g) to discuss Roosevelt land purchase and to discuss options for financing, leasing and/or purchasing Epiphany School with legal counsel.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Josh Sterling encouraged the Board to pursue the purchase of Epiphany School for a centralized early learning center.

**BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Superintendent's Report

Interim Superintendent Terry Sheridan gave an update on various events going on in the district including the recent two-day administrators' workshop, new teacher orientation, and the back to school welcome on August 30<sup>th</sup> at Memorial High School at 8 a.m. Dr. Hardebeck will be present at that event to greet the staff, and Board members were invited to attend.

Dr. Sheridan noted that the actuarial study won't be available for the Board or public prior to the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Communication to Superintendent/Board President

None

Other Reports

Com. Faanes said that the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation recently placed an ad in the paper for a new executive director. He said that Carole Halberg has served the Foundation well as executive director, and she has been securing donations and

Founding Members. She is looking to transition out of her position over the course of the year and the Foundation Board is looking for a replacement.

#### Policy and Governance Committee

President Craig said that the Policy & Governance Committee will meet on August 22, 2012, and will discuss the creation of an equity policy.

### **CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA**

Board members asked to pull Resolutions 2 & 6 from the consent agenda.

Com. Faanes moved, seconded by Com. Wogahn, to approve the consent resolution agenda consisting of the following items:

- ◆ The minutes of closed session of August 6, 2012, as mailed.
- ◆ The budget adjustments as presented.
- ◆ The gifts in the amount of \$320 for the period July 1, 2012, through July 31, 2012, as presented.
- ◆ The matters of employment of August 20, 2012, as presented.

Consent resolution agenda items approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTIONS**

#### Resolution #2—Minutes of Board Meeting – August 6, 2012

President Craig did not have an amendment to the minutes but asked that timelines be determined for bringing middle school test data back to the Board as well as district-wide assessment data as discussed by Ann Franke. The discussion about potential boundary shifts should also have a timeline set.

Com. Faanes moved, seconded by Com. Cummins, to approve minutes of Board meeting of August 6, 2012, as mailed. Carried by unanimous roll call vote

#### Resolution #6 – Approval of Superintendent Contract

Coms. Janke and Johnson explained why they would not vote in favor of the contract but added that they supported Dr. Hardebeck and feel she will be an outstanding leader.

Com. Cummins moved, seconded by Com. Faanes, to approve the Superintendent contract with Dr. Mary Ann Hardebeck as presented. Carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Faanes, and Wogahn. Nay: Janke and Johnson.

Resolution #7 – Payment of Bills and Payroll

Com. Duax moved, seconded by Com. Wogahn, to approve payment of all bills in the amount of \$9,295,533.41 and net payroll in the amount of \$3,092,262.92 for the period July 1, 2012, through July 31, 2012, as presented. Carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Janke, Johnson, and Wogahn. Abstained: Faanes.

Regular meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN  
AUGUST 20, 2012**

1. Call to Order – Committee Meeting

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Duax, Faanes, Janke, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: None.

2. Committee Reports/Items for Discussion

A. Discussion of Options to Utilize Epiphany School for 2013-2014 for Centralizing Early Learning Programs

Mr. Leibham shared an update on increasing early learning enrollments as well as programming and site needs for the program. The Demographic Trends Committee reviewed many options for this program and no other viable options were found other than the Epiphany School, which would allow a centralized early learning center. He reviewed up front cost estimates as well as adjustments to yearly operational costs for that building.

President Craig said she felt the Board had three options to consider with regard to Epiphany: hold another referendum, use fund balance or lease with the potential to purchase.

The Board discussed the matter. There was agreement that the school would provide a great opportunity for the District to meet the needs of the early learning program, and that an investment in birth to five programs is the best way to accomplish the District's vision. The cost/benefit ratio for early education is extremely favorable. There were some concerns expressed, however, about moving forward given the unsuccessful referendum.

Administration was directed to come back with an analysis of what it would take to lease or purchase Epiphany so it could be utilized for the 2013-14 school year and the feasibility of going to referendum between now and then. The Board wanted to explore ways to involve the public in this issue.

B. Update on Status of Actuarial Study and Projected Timelines

Dan Van De Water said that the OPEB actuarial study will be presented to the Board on September 24<sup>th</sup> by Key Benefit Concepts. That study will provide a base-line for future Board discussions on how it wants to deal with its OPEB unfunded liability. The consultant will be available to assist the

Board in considering options. Options could be prepared in October and November and be ready for Board consideration at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Mr. Van De Water recommended that the current Insurance Committee be used to get representation from all employee groups and said that committee could be pulled together rather quickly.

President Craig said the Board anticipates it will have to make some changes and wants to look at options that are fiscally responsible. The Board also wants to be able to tell employees how any changes may affect their plans to retire for 2013-14.

Dr. Sheridan summarized by saying that on September 24<sup>th</sup> the Board will receive a figure of what the District's unfunded liabilities are so the Board will have a target to bring to a sustainable level. A task force will then talk about options and possible solutions, keeping in mind that the group may not come to consensus on what to recommend to the Board. Those options will be reviewed by administration and recommendations brought forward.

3. Request for Future Agenda Items
4. Other Business
5. Motion to Adjourn Committee Meeting

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Faanes, to adjourn committee meeting. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.

6. Motion to go into Closed Session

Com. Faanes moved, seconded by Com. Wogahn, to go into closed session under 19.85 (1)(e)(g) to discuss Roosevelt land purchase and to discuss options for financing, leasing and/or purchasing Epiphany School with legal counsel. Carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Craig, Cummins, Faanes, Johnson and Wogahn. Nay: Duax and Janke.

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.