

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, MAY 21, 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, Faanes, Johnson, and Wogahn. Absent: Duax and Janke. Student Representatives Joe Luginbill and Amal Javaid were also present.

NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

President Craig announced that the Board would go into closed session following the committee meeting under 19.85 (1)(c)(e) and (f) to discuss potential language changes to ECAA individual administrator contracts and the ECAA Agreement and to consider employment of an interim superintendent, the proposed employment agreement, and related issues appropriate for closed session. The Board may take action in closed session, if necessary and appropriate. Thereafter, the Board will entertain a motion to return to open session or may move to adjourn from closed session. In the event the Board returns to open session, it may further discuss the interim superintendent position, take further action and/or entertain a motion to adjourn.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bob Kron thanked the Board and administration for meeting with a group of north side parents to discuss ways to maximize opportunities for achievement at North. He asked for continued follow-up and communication to develop a plan that gives all students an opportunity to maximize their potential regardless of where they live. He asked that this topic be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Deb Hower was concerned about discrepancies in scores between the two high schools. She felt the Board should address resources available and community needs and let parents know about enrichment opportunities.

Dianna Zeegers is a teacher at Memorial. She said she deals with kids who are struggling academically who come from all different ethnic backgrounds and economic influences. She shared the concerns expressed by North parents and asked the Board to continue to study the issues of structure, boundaries, etc. to address the disparities.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Heilmann stated that Wisconsin Act 156 permits school boards to grant a technical education high school diploma. He also gave an update on the Elementary/Secondary Education Act waiver and how this will affect the way we assess students. The state graduation requirements for credits will increase from 13 to 15. Schools/districts will be held accountable for outcomes in four areas: student achievement, student growth, addressing achievement disparities, and on-track to graduation and post-secondary readiness. DPI will be identifying high and low performing schools by the end of May.

Wisconsin Concussion Law Act 172 requires all athletic organizations to educate coaches, athletes and parents on concussions. The Act requires that a youth removed from athletic activity due to a concussion be evaluated and receive written clearance prior to their return.

Communication to Superintendent/Board President

President Craig reminded the Board that it will have a special meeting on June 4, 2012, beginning at 2 p.m. to review the Employee Handbook.

Student Representative Report

President Craig acknowledged that this was the student representatives' last meeting and thanked them for their service. Both students shared some thoughts with the Board and expressed gratitude for their experience.

Com. Cummins announced that the new student representatives will be Betsy Fawcett from Memorial and Jonathon Idarraga from North.

Other Reports

Policy and Governance Committee

There was no report given.

Budget Development Committee

There was no report given.

CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

Administration asked that Resolution #9 be pulled due to an issue that came up with the 2012-13 calendar.

Board members asked to pull Resolution #10 from the consent agenda.

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

- ◆ The minutes of Board meeting of May 7, 2012 as mailed.
- ◆ The minutes of closed session of May 7, 2012, as mailed.
- ◆ The minutes of the special meeting of May 8, 2012, as mailed.
- ◆ The financial report as presented.
- ◆ The budget adjustments as presented.
- ◆ The gifts in the amount of \$9,979.91 for the period April 1, 2012, through April 30, 2012, as presented.
- ◆ The matters of employment of May 21, 2012, as presented.
- ◆ Additional 3.0 FTE School Nurse Staff

Consent resolution agenda items approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution #10 – Appointment of ECASD Standing and Ad Hoc Council/Committees

President Craig said there were a few changes made to the list that was previously presented to the Board. Com. Wogahn will now serve on the Service Learning Committee, Com. Faanes will serve as parliamentarian, and Com. Cummins will join Coms. Wogahn and Janke on the Technology Development and Application for PSR Committee.

Com. Faanes moved, seconded by Com. Cummins, to approve appointment of Board Members to Standing and Ad Hoc Council/Committees as presented and amended. Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #11 – Bills Payable

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Cummins, that the payment of all bills in the amount of \$7,119,258.19 and net payroll in the amount of \$2,945,933.26 for the period April 1, 2012, through April 30, 2012, as presented. Carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Craig, Cummins, Johnson, and Wogahn. Abstained: Faanes.

Regular meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patti Iverson, Board Secretary

**COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
MAY 21, 2012**

1. Call to Order – Committee Meeting

Board Members present: Craig, Cummins, Faanes, Johnson, and Wogahn.
Absent: Duax and Janke. Student Representatives Joe Luginbill and Amal Javaid were also present.

2. Committee Reports/Items for Discussion

A. Update on Post-Secondary Success & Planning for the Future

Executive Director of Administration Tim Leibham shared summer and fall post-secondary success focus areas, which included early learning, elementary, secondary, student services, technology, assessment, human relations and administration.

The Board discussed student course selection and the process used to determine which courses reflect programs of study. They also discussed ways to assess these programs. Mr. Leibham said they have been working to get students earlier access to more rigorous tracks and within the elective courses offered. He said the district needs to determine which programs really reflect the program of study and then eliminate what's not necessary. There was also a discussion about evaluating course offerings linked to social/emotional, civic engagement, etc. as well as having programs that reflect the arts.

Members of the audience discussed the importance of starting the discussion to encourage rigorous courses with students at the elementary and middle school levels.

The Board asked for another update by January 2013 with priorities and a timeline completed.

B. ECASD Technology Plan

Director of Technology and Assessment Jim Schmitt shared the newly-revised Technology Plan. He said the plan includes four main ideas: 1) Increase the number and type of mobile devices in the district; 2) focus resources on staff training to support successful implementation of devices; 3) remain budget neutral in technology while we learn effective implementation of devices and evaluate how we budget resources; and 4) revisit the plan every nine months rather than every three years.

Mr. Schmitt discussed how technology supports assessments. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium is charged with creating an assessment system for the new Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 3-9 and 11. There are a variety of ways in which technology is central to these efforts.

Mr. Schmitt said that Policy 365 must be updated by June 30, 2012 to be compliant for e-rate and he shared his recommended changes. The newly-revised 364.1-Rule(1) will replace the old acceptable use policy. These changes will be communicated to students during the log-in process and in student planners and folders.

Three educators shared their experiences using technology and the beneficial ways to incorporate mobile devices to engage students at a deeper level. They noted that use of technology must be connected to the curriculum and enhance student learning and emphasized the importance of staff development.

The Board was pleased with the plan and the concept of equal access. They stressed the importance of staff development and encouraged continued community partnerships.

3. Request for Future Agenda Items
4. Other Business
5. Motion to go into Closed Session

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Faanes, to go into closed session under President Craig announced that the Board would go into closed session following the committee meeting under 19.85 (1)(c)(e) and (f) to discuss potential language changes to ECAA individual administrator contracts and the ECAA Agreement and to consider employment of an interim superintendent, the proposed employment agreement, and related issues appropriate for closed session. The Board may take action in closed session, if necessary and appropriate. Thereafter, the Board will entertain a motion to return to open session or may move to adjourn from closed session. In the event the Board returns to open session, it may further discuss the interim superintendent position, take further action and/or entertain a motion to adjourn. Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. Adjourned to Closed Session at 9:45 p.m.

7. Reconvene in Open Session

Com. Johnson moved, seconded by Com. Wogahn, to reconvene in open session. Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. Name Interim Superintendent

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Cummins, to approve that Dr. Terry Sheridan be named the Interim Superintendent upon completion of Dr. Heilmann's contractual agreement. Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. Adjourn

Com. Wogahn moved, seconded by Com. Faanes, to adjourn. Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10 Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.