

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2024, 5:45 p.m.
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Members present

Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Members absent

Lori Bica

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 5:49 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 Joshua Clements, second by Erica Zerr 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: Joshua Clements, 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. Claire and Calvin B. from Longfellow Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to adopt the Board agenda for May 20, 2024.

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson and President Nordin recognized the two student representatives and thanked them for their leadership and service with our Board over the past year.

Superintendent Johnson recognized the ECASD Speech and Language Pathologists for National Speech and Language Pathologist Day and Manz Elementary School for their Cereal Box Dominoes Fundraiser and Floor Curling.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the School Board regarding the Dual Immersion Program: Katie Wilson, Rebecca Denney, Malia Markquart, Caitlin Suginaka, Shanti Freitas, and Caroline Ludy.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Johnson provided a Referendum Committee report. The committee met on May 13. They overviewed the community survey results and began to draft a question and amount to consider for the upcoming referendum.

Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Dement provided a Legislative update.

Wisconsin Governance Conference

Commissioner Zerr shared information from the May 14-15 Governance Meeting in Sun Prairie, WI.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Facility Use Fee
- Facility Conditions of Use - ECASD
- Facility Conditions of Use - Community
- DPI Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Study
- 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Applications
- 2024-2025 Head Start Transportation Waiver Request

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Superintendent Johnson announced the following administrative position upon approval of the employment report:

Ashley Hensley will be the Principal at Sam Davey Elementary School starting with the 2024-2025 school year.

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Marquell Johnson, second by Erica Zerr to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - May 6, 2024
- Liaisons and Committee Assignments

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Employee Handbook Modifications

Brandon Wick presented proposed changes to the 2024-2025 Employee Handbook. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to adjourn to work session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Dual Immersion Work Session

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Superintendent Johnson, Mandy Van Vleet (Executive Director of Teaching and Learning), and Sarah Fisher (Longfellow Elementary School Principal) presented on the Dual Immersion Program at Longfellow Elementary School. The program integrates native English-speaking students with native Spanish-speaking students, with instruction presented in both languages. It began in 2019-2020 and currently serves 104 families. Various data was presented, along with the cost, strengths, challenges, and the next steps being considered for the future of the program. Discussion and questions followed.

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Commissioner Farrar reminded Board Members to fill out the survey in the Board Debrief.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.