

Eau Claire School Board Work Session
Monday, July 22, 2024
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Members present

Lori Bica (joined virtually at 7:09 p.m.; unable to hear or speak until 7:17 p.m.), Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Members absent

Stephanie Farrar

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 7:03 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Erica Zerr to adopt the Board agenda for July 22, 2024.

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr
Not Present at Vote: Lori Bica

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Commissioner Dement introduced the student representatives for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Adeline Viergutz – Memorial High School (2nd term)
- Adyson L'Heureux – Eau Claire Virtual School
- Desirae Ford – North High School

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

No citizens of the public signed up to address the Board.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Johnson provided a Referendum Committee report. The committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Legislative Liaison

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

- The Department of Public Instruction awards \$11.4 million in federal funding to Wisconsin charter schools.
- Judge declares elements of Act 10 unconstitutional; seeks input from involved parties before any final ruling.
- The Department of Public Instruction still awaiting release of Act 20 funding (\$50 million) to reform and improve literacy education in Wisconsin.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Cash balances by financial institution as of April 30, 2024
- Cash balances by financial institution as of May 31, 2024
- Financial Report - April 2024
- Financial Report - May 2024

- Gifts in the amount of \$56,413.52 for the period of May 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$7,134,757.90 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,008,805.55 for the period of April 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$10,094,149.56 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,264,340.68 for the period of May 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024
- Annual Approval of Curriculum Standards
- Referendum Project Bids
- Property Insurance Renewal
- Title IX Special Update

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr
 Not Present at Vote: Lori Bica

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - June 3, 2024
- Minutes of Closed Session - June 3, 2024
- Change to Board Meeting Date

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr
 Not Present at Vote: Lori Bica

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

Motion by Marquell Johnson, second by Erica Zerr to approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$18,000,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr
 Not Present at Vote: Lori Bica

Motion by Marquell Johnson, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$18,000,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes.

Motion carried

Yes: Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr
 Not Present at Vote: Lori Bica

With the approval of the employment report, Superintendent Johnson made the following administrative announcements:

- Marcus Larsen will serve as Assistant Principal at DeLong Middle School starting August 12, 2024.
- Michelle Golden is serving as Interim Executive Director of Human Resources for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Mark Elworthy will serve as Executive Director of Business Services for the ECASD starting July 31, 2024.

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Erica Zerr to adjourn to work session at 7:17 p.m.

Motion carried

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

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

The Board discussed talking points for the upcoming referendum. They were joined by Denise Gaumer Hutchison from the Wisconsin Public Education Network to offer strategies and tools to help in this process. Key information included the following: know your community and which groups to focus on, clarify the facts, consider internal support, and develop a message with three components (lead with a shared value, introduce the problem, and close with a positive vision for the future and how working together gets us there). Creating a timeline, sharing information via various methods, and scheduling of presentations is also vital. Discussion and questions occurred throughout the session.

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

Commissioner Farrar was not present to remind Board Members to fill out the survey in the Board Debrief.

ADJOURN

Motion by Joshua Clements, second by Jarrett Dement to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.