

**Eau Claire School Board Work Session**  
**Monday, August 19, 2024**  
**Blended Model – ECASD Administration Building and Livestream**  
*Generated by Terri Grzyb*

**Members present**

Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr (joined at 7:04 p.m.)

**Members absent**

Joshua Clements, Marquell Johnson

**CONVENE (GC-1)**

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Lori Bica, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for August 19, 2024.

**Motion carried**

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

Not Present at Vote: Erica Zerr

**RECOGNITION (R-1)**

Michelle Golden recognized Flynn Elementary School for their Playground Enhancement and Locust Lane Elementary for their Positive Office Discipline Referral Results.

**PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)**

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

**REPORTS**

*Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)*

No Referendum Committee report.

*Legislative Liaison*

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

- New DPI data reveals ongoing mental health struggles among Wisconsin students.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)**

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Cash balances by financial institution as of June 30, 2024
- Gifts in the amount of \$12,470.42 for the period of July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$4,799,682.35 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,579,580.07 for the period of June 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024

**Motion carried**

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

**BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)**

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Erica Zerr to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - August 5, 2024
- R-1 Mega Result: Affirm
- OE-1 Global Operational Expectation: Affirm

- OE-13 Emergency Superintendent Succession

**Motion carried**

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

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to adjourn to work session at 7:10 p.m.

**Motion carried**

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

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

The Board discussed the messaging for the upcoming referendum. Specifically, they focused on three main points:

- 1) Shared value - "Providing for the future of our kids is providing for the future of Eau Claire."
- 2) Why are we going to referendum (how we got here) – Increased student needs, increased costs, not enough state funding.
- 3) Positive vision for the future – This referendum will allow us to continue to provide a dependable future and reliable conditions to our students.

They were joined by Denise Gaumer Hutchison from the Wisconsin Public Education Network. Discussion and questions occurred throughout the session.

**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 9:01 p.m.