

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
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Members present

Lori Bica, Joshua Clements (joined virtually), Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Trevor K. from North High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for September 9, 2024.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson welcomed the Student Representatives for the 2024-25 school year: Adeline Viergutz from Memorial High School (2nd term), Adyson L'Heureux from the Eau Claire Virtual School, and Desirae Ford from North High School.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following citizen addressed the School Board: Victor Welles requested an exception of the 2-mile rule for bus transportation.

REPORTS

Referendum Committee Report (GC-5)

Commissioner Johnson said there is no report, but referendum outreach efforts have begun this week.

Legislative Liaison

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

- The Dane County Circuit Court ruled in favor of the WI Department of Public Instruction stating that the funds for Act 20 need to be released by the Joint Committee on Finance.
- This November election could result in major legislative shifts and lead to changes in school funding due to the new state legislative maps.

Key Communicators Group Update

President Nordin provided a Key Communicators Group Update. The group met on August 30 to discuss the upcoming referendum. Commissioner Zerr helped facilitate. The next meeting will be the first Friday in December. We are looking for a Board member to facilitate that meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Erica Zerr to approve the following Superintendent's Consent Agenda item 6.2 Human Resources - Employment Report (item 6.3 Referendum Project Bid was pulled by Commissioner Johnson):

- Human Resources - Employment Report

Motion carried

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

Commissioner Johnson led discussion on item 6.3 Referendum Project Bid.

Motion by Marquell Johnson, second by Jarrett Dement to approve Referendum Project Bid.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, 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 19, 2024

Motion carried

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

FOCUS ON RESULTS

Kaying Xiong (Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education), Misti Trowbridge (Director of Student Services), Chantel Erickson (School Based Mental Health Professionals Sub-Grant Coordinator), and Louie Decise (North High School GCAP Counselor) presented information on Tier II/III Intervention and Supports, with a focus on school connectedness. Specifically, information was shared on how mentoring for secondary students is impacting their engagement in schools and making them feel more connected at school. Our District partners with local agencies within our community to make this possible. Both the benefits and challenges of mentoring were covered. Discussion and questions followed.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Michelle Golden, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources, presented the monitoring report for OE-6 Personnel Administration. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Joshua Clements to amend OE-6.2, indicator 4 from "In Compliance" to "In Compliance with Exception."

Motion carried

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

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to accept the monitoring report for OE-6 Personnel Administration, as amended.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Joshua Clements, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr
No: Marquell Johnson

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Michelle Golden, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources, presented an update to the Board on self-funded insurance. This included a comparison of costs, claims, and savings among various third-party administrators. Discussion and questions followed.

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

President Nordin asked Board members to complete the survey before adjourning.

ADJOURN

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.