

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, December 16, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
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Members present

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

Members absent

Marquell Johnson

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Stephanie Farrar, 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: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the Board finalized a salary adjustment for the superintendent as level movement and will communicate to HR in the morning. Gabby A., Elijah C., and Evan L. from Meadowview 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 December 16, 2024.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized National Special Education Day and Bodhi W. from North High School for participating in the Wisconsin School Music Association Music Project. President Nordin thanked Commissioner Joshua Clements for his years of service and contributions to the ECASD.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the School Board: Nick and Anna Foiles. They represented the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School and thanked the Board for supporting the school, inviting them to future events.

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

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

- A Dane County judge ruled elements of Act 10 unconstitutional; implications are still being debated.
- The State Assembly has selected their leadership.
- Joint Finance Committee members have been named.

Key Communicators Group Update

Commissioner Zerr provided a Key Communicators Group Update. The group met on December 6 to discuss last year's R-2 monitoring report.

School Board Vacancy

President Nordin announced that the School Board has a vacancy and is accepting applications, due to the resignation of Joshua Clements. Information will be posted on the school district's website. A new member will be appointed at the second meeting in January (January 27) and serve through April 2026.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Referendum Project Bids
- Five-Year Capital Projects
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$7,812,961.14 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,233,625.28 for the period of November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024
- Neola Policy Update

Motion carried

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

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Erica Zerr to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Closed Session - November 18, 2024
- Minutes of Board Meeting - November 18, 2024
- Minutes of Closed Session - December 2, 2024
- Minutes of Board Meeting - December 2, 2024
- Retire 2016 School Board Strategic Plan
- Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,000,000
- Board Summary Statement for OE-4: Student Learning Environment

Motion carried

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

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

Lori Bica nominated Commissioner Dement for Treasurer. Commissioner Dement accepted the nomination. Board members unanimously voted in favor of the nomination.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Mandy Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the R-2 Academic Performance monitoring report, highlighting significant improvements in ELA, math, and science, and the commitment to equity and systemic change.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for R-2 Academic Performance, as presented.

Motion carried

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

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

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

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.