

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, January 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
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Members present

Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

Members absent

Lori Bica, Erica Zerr

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement 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: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the Board approved the Superintendent's annual evaluation. President Nordin will deliver the letter to him in the next few days. Henry M. from Robbins Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Marquell Johnson to adopt the Board agenda for January 6, 2025.

Motion carried

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized National Mentoring Month, as well as orchestra students (Avi B. from North High School and Dylan B. from Memorial High School) for participating in the Wisconsin School Music Association Music Project.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

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

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

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

- Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski announced a historic \$70 million distribution from the Common School Fund to Wisconsin public schools. It is the sole source of financial support for books, technology, and other essential learning tools for more than 90 percent of Wisconsin's public school libraries.
- The membership of the 2025-26 Joint Finance Committee is set, with leadership in both chambers and parties announcing their picks. If no unexpected changes occur, the committee will see five new members, including four Republicans. Together they will help write the state budget and wield significant power to craft policy and oversee financial appropriations of the state for the coming two years.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Gifts in the amount of \$13,849.47 for the period of October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024
- Head Start Grant Approval
- 2025-2026 School Year Calendar
- 2025-2026 Early Learning Calendar

Motion carried

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Stephanie Farrar to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Closed Session - December 16, 2024
- Minutes of Board Meeting - December 16, 2024
- Proclamation Recognizing National Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- Changes to Board Work Calendar
- Board Summary Statement for R-2: Academic Performance

Motion carried

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

FOCUS ON RESULTS

Mandy Van Vleet (Executive Director of Teaching and Learning), Michelle Radtke (Director of Secondary Programming and Post-Secondary Readiness), Brittne Holden (Business/Marketing Education Teacher), Alisa Schrader (Family and Consumer Science Teacher), and Sam Hochstetler (High School Counselor) presented information on Post-Secondary Readiness, highlighting the District's efforts to align career pathways with industry standards and student needs. Key points included curriculum alignment, professional development for staff, business and community partnerships, work-based learning, and counselor involvement. Overall, the focus was on creating a sustainable system that provides equitable resources and opportunities for all students to succeed in their post-secondary endeavors. Discussion and questions followed.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson and Executive Director of Business Services, Dr. Mark Elworthy, presented the monitoring report for OE-9 Budget and Financial Planning. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to accept the monitoring report for OE-9 Budget and Financial Planning, as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

Superintendent Johnson and Executive Director of Business Services, Dr. Mark Elworthy, presented the monitoring report for OE-10 Financial Administration. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Stephanie Farrar to accept the monitoring report for OE-10 Financial Administration, as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

Board members were asked how to vote for the Resolutions that will be considered by the Delegate Assembly at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Convention on January 22, 2025, in Milwaukee. President Nordin will serve as the WASB Delegate for our District. There was no discussion.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to instruct the WASB Delegate to vote yes on all of the proposed Resolutions.

Motion carried

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

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: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.