

# **Eau Claire School Board Budget Hearing Minutes**

## **Monday, October 28, 2019**

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### **Members present**

Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Joe Luginbill, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

### **1. SPECIAL MEETING - 5:30 p.m.**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Eric Torres called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Board Secretary Meta Miske confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

### **2. UPDATE ON THE 2019-2020 BUDGET**

Ms. Abby Johnson said Budget Development Committee has reviewed the decisions left to be made regarding the budget and has recommendations. The recommendations are as follows:

- Computer Equipment - recommend leasing staff iPads and student laptops
- Band Uniforms – recommend approving purchase
- Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention – recommend funding 0.1 FTE for to serve only the ECASD through Title IV grant
- iPads for Instruction – recommend purchase art iPad's for high schools
- Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation (ECPSF) contribution – recommend earmarking the contribution until an MOU is finalized
- Band instruments – recommend a conversation with ECPSF to fundraise for instruments

Ms. Johnson reviewed the revenue which had not changed since the Budget presentation on October 21, 2019. She then reviewed the operating expenses which had changed due to the allocation of the yet-to-be-decided-upon funds. Ms. Johnson also reviewed the fund balance which will be at \$27.8M and is moving in the right direction. Ms. Johnson welcomed questions from the Board.

A Board member asked for information in the future about the revenue and expenses together to see all factors that led to a balanced budget. Administration said that information can be available for future budget discussions.

A Board member asked if the 0.1 FTE for Substance Abuse Prevention was in-lieu of contributing to the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention. It was

confirmed that was accurate; Budget Development is recommending providing to the District the service previously provided to the ECASD through the Alliance and not supporting the Alliance through funding.

A Board member asked if the budget is providing enough resources to the District's PLC's to address gaps and lags in scores. It was indicated that currently the master schedules and the school calendar are providing opportunities to collaborate and have professional development. No additional resources are being requested for this year but may be considered in the future.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2019-2020 EAU CLAIRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

Ms. Lieske Giese from Eau Claire County Health Department was present. Ms. Giese said the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention will provide more to the ECASD than just the 0.1 FTE. They provide a coordinated effort across the county. There is one point-person who is the expert in best practice. They are requesting a one-year commitment to try a new model. They have government commitment, are working on healthcare commitment, and the other school districts are waiting to find out what ECASD decides as the largest district in the area. She said of the \$22,000 contribution from ECASD, they will continue to receive the 0.1 FTE plus the coordinated efforts.

### **4. ADOPTION OF THE 2019-2020 ECASD BUDGET**

Discussion occurred of earmarking the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention at various levels until the healthcare community and other school districts have committed to funding. Budget Development had discussed earmarking but chose not to recommend as it sets a precedent. Reminder that Board members would like to see private sector involvement in funding the Alliance.

Motion by Laurie Klinkhammer, second by Tim Nordin, to earmark the full funding requested for the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Motion carried

Yes: Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Joe Luginbill, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

No: Lori Bica

Motion by Laurie Klinkhammer, second by Aaron Harder that the School Board adopt the 2019-20 Recommended Budget with earmarking for the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Joe Luginbill, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

President Torres announced that Commissioner Luginbill is resigning from the School Board as of November 1. The School Board has 60 days to fill the position and will start the process after November 1. President Torres wished Commissioner Luginbill the best in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Luginbill said it's been an honor to serve on the School Board and thanked everyone for all they've accomplished over the last several years.

## **5. ADJOURN**

Motion by Aaron Harder, second by Charles Vue to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Aaron Harder, Laurie Klinkhammer, Joe Luginbill, Eric D Torres, Charles Vue, Tim Nordin

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.