

Eau Claire Board of Education Minutes**Monday, April 6, 2015***Generated by Patrice Iverson*

Members present: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, and Chue Xiong.

Absent: Charles Vue.

1. REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Spindler called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board Secretary Patti Iverson confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed and was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Maegan Snow is the parent of a student at South Middle School. She complimented Principal Dianna Zeegers for the great work she is doing at South. She expressed concerns with perceived road blocks preventing students who are excelling in classes to be challenged with more difficult classes. She also said that as a Parent Advisory Council member she would like a better understanding of the financial situation that the District faces so that parents can be informed of these issues and do their part to help the District.

3. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**3.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Hardebeck reviewed the Board's calendar of upcoming events.

Dr. Hardebeck reported that the selection committee for the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship Program announced recipients of the 2015 Herb Kohl Foundation awards for students and teachers. Each scholar and fellow will receive \$3,000 awards and each fellow's school will also receive \$3,000.

Excellence Scholarship recipients have demonstrated excellence in the academic arena and high motivation to achieve, have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership outside the academic setting, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond. Memorial student, Veeraya Tanawattanacharoen, was selected as an Excellence Scholar. Fellowship recipients are chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others, and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Northstar Middle School teacher, Sue Devine, received the Educational Foundation Fellowship. Initiative Scholarship recipients, chosen by their schools, have demonstrated exceptional initiative in the classroom and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond, but have not yet received other academic-based scholarships. Adrian Buder, from McKinley Charter School, was selected as an Initiative Scholar.

North wrestling coach, Mike Pernsteiner was named the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association – District 3 Coach of the Year; North baseball coach, Bob Johnson was named the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association – Northwest District Coach of the Year; and North women's basketball coach, Michelle Peplinski was a member of the first all-female duo to do the broadcast of a WIAA State Tournament Game.

3.2 Communications to Superintendent/Board President

President Spindler welcomed the new *Leader Telegram* reporter, Elizabeth Dohms.

He announced that he attended the March 18th "Day at the Capitol" event and said that some of the legislators said the state budget will look much better than the Governor's Budget. Charles Vue and Chue Xiong attended the National School Boards Association convention and were asked to share any valuable information with other Board members. He said that the Alliance for Strong Communities Forum that was held on April 2nd was well attended and was very helpful in educating the community about funding public schools. There will be a WASB New Board Member gathering on April 23 in Durand and the WASB Spring Academy will be held on May 2 in Appleton. Any Board members interested in attending these events should contact Patti Iverson.

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**4.1 Student Representative Report**

Jonah Giese said that the addition of being able to request online transcripts was very helpful in the application process for colleges. However, he encouraged the District to provide the ability to do common college applications online. He also noted that the dance policy at Memorial has been an issue with some students. It was felt there was a discrepancy between high schools as to how this is regulated and enforced.

Hannah Winegarden was not present.

5. OTHER REPORTS

5.1 Board Committee Reports

The Policy & Governance Committee met and reviewed Policy 183 - Voting, Policy 347 - Maintenance/Confidentiality of Student Records, Policy 230 - Administrative Organization and Policy 225 - Superintendent Evaluation timelines.

5.2 Legislative Update

Chris said the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimated the effect of the Governor's proposed budget on property taxes. The plan would decrease property taxes by \$8 in the first year and \$3 in the second year. Much of the decrease is due to the proposed budget's freezing of revenue limits on school districts in both years of the proposed budget coupled with the addition of \$320 million in funds earmarked for school property tax relief. It was noted that this is a tax credit to the home owner and none of the money comes back to fund public schools.

School start date legislation (AB 144) would allow some schools to start before September 1, but is only for schools that have 20% participation in the Advanced Placement exams in the previous school year.

Work continues on reshaping the School Accountability Bill in the State Assembly with at least two versions being considered. The state budget is in the hands of the Joint Finance Committee. They are expected to begin voting the second week in April. Citizens were encouraged to contact their legislators to explain how the cuts are affecting our community.

6. CONSENT RESOLUTION AGENDA

6.1 Minutes of March 16, 2015 Meeting

Motion by Wendy Sue Johnson, seconded by Chue Xiong, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 Board Meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Chue Xiong

Abstain: Wendy Sue Johnson

6.2 Human Resources - Employment Report

Board members thanked the staff members who have submitted letters of retirement for their service to the District. There are now 27 retirements and 6 resignations. It was confirmed that those who resigned will have an exit interview.

Motion by Kathryn P Duax, second by Wendy Sue Johnson, to approve the Human Resources-Employment Report for April 6, 2015

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Chue Xiong

7. INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERED RESOLUTION(S)

7.1 "Talk. They Hear You." Proclamation

Rich Spindler said the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention in Eau Claire County, along with the Eau Claire Area School District, wants to remind the community of the Parents Who Host Lose the Most: "Talk. They Hear You" campaign. The Alliance is working with police, schools, parents and community groups to provide parents/adults with accurate information about the health risks of teenage drinking and the legal consequences of providing alcohol to youth. The campaign encourages parents and other responsible adults to talk to their kids about

underage drinking and to clearly and directly remind family members and close friends that allowing teenage alcohol consumption is illegal and unacceptable.

Rich Spindler read the proclamation.

Motion by Wendy Sue Johnson, second by Kathryn P Duax, to approve proclamation of support for "Talk. They Hear You" campaign through the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Chue Xiong

7.2 Strategic Plan Proposal of SMART Learning Systems

Motion by Kathryn P Duax, second by Chris Hambuch-Boyle, to accept proposal from SMART Learning Systems to complete the District's Strategic Planning process.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Chue Xiong

7.3 2015-2016 Five Year Capital Projects

Charlie Kramer shared a list of capital improvement projects that have been bid and are being recommended for approval for 2015-2016. The projects and recommended contractors are as follows:

A. Montessori Roof: Winona Heating and Ventilation

B. South Chilled Water Phase IV: Hovlands Inc. of Eau Claire. Control work is awarded to North American Mechanical, Inc. Madison/Eau Claire, as continuation of bid project phase I. Testing, balancing and commissioning is awarded to T&B and DH Consulting both of Eau Claire.

C. Northwoods remodeling Phase II: Dell Construction of Eau Claire. Certified, Inc. of Altoona and TJ Electric of Eau Claire are recommended for the HVAC and electrical work as bid.

D. North Track Re-Surfacing: Athletic Field Surfaces, Genesee Depot, WI.

E. Additional architectural and engineering funds are targeted for pre-referendum planning work to design secure entrances at 14 schools, anticipated work at South Middle School and other work that may be included in a future referendum.

Motion by Trish Cummins, second by Chue Xiong to approve 2015-2016 select capital projects as recommended.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Chue Xiong

7.4 Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal of Teachers with Limited Term Contracts

Motion by Wendy Sue Johnson, second by Chue Xiong, to authorize administration to issue a preliminary notice of non-renewal to certified staff members on limited term contracts as of April 2, 2015.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Chue Xiong

8. ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9.1 School Day Start Time Committee Charge

President Spindler said the Board heard a report from the Calendar Committee on March 3, 2015 in which there was a recommendation to continue to pursue the investigation of school start times. Mr. Spindler summarized the Board's discussion at that meeting into a document that included a School Day Start Time Committee Charge. This included the timeline and a committee structure as well.

Board members expressed interest in having two reports so that the Board can hear recommendations from the

committee and ask for any more information. Then the Board can give direction on the process and possible implementation dates.

Joe Luginbill suggested that one or both student representatives or student council leaders be added to the committee structure.

This item will be brought back as individually considered resolution at the next meeting.

9.2 Discussion & Possible First Reading of Policy 183 - Voting

Wendy Sue Johnson shared a first reading of Policy 183 – Voting:

The Board of Education may, at any meeting thereof, carry, pass, or adopt any motion or resolution coming before said Board by a majority vote of all members of the Board present voting at the meeting except as otherwise required by law or Board policy. In voting upon matters involving the expenditure of money, or upon demand of any member, voting shall be by roll call vote and the vote recorded by the Secretary.

Board members will be listed alphabetically at the organizational meeting. A rotating system will be used in voting, starting with the first name on the list at the first meeting, with the Board members dropping to the bottom of the list for the next regular meeting and this process continuing during the year.

This policy will be brought forward as a consent resolution item at the April 20, 2015 Board meeting.

9.3 McKinley Charter School Contract Extension

As a member of the Charter/Choice Committee, Chris Hambuch-Boyle described the process used to revise the charter schools contracts. She said the charge of the committee was to provide guidance and recommendations to the school board relating to its role as authorizer of current and future ECASD Charter/Choice Schools. This will encourage innovation that could increase our ability to provide diverse programming and methodologies. Through this investigation and advisement, the committee can support the increase in student readiness for, and success in, the ECASD programming and post-secondary options. The committee reviewed the DPI's Charter School benchmarks and looked at both charter school contract templates as a way to make future district charter contracts more consistent for Board review. Ms. Hambuch-Boyle also felt it might prove beneficial to represent the pre-school level on the committee as well.

The Board reviewed the contract extension and there was consensus to bring it back at the next meeting as a resolution.

9.4 Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School Contract Extension

There was discussion about providing transportation to 4K students and costs associated with that. In addition, providing bussing may attract students from further away from the school and this could mean that their siblings would have an advantage of getting in. This may not allow the diversity the student was hoping to achieve as well.

There was also conversation about whether a five-year contract was too long. Mr. Johnson said that was the normal contract length for many contracts they reviewed. He added that changes could be made at any time in the future with the intent to grow the program and the wording would allow either side to change something.

The Board wanted the Governance Board to look at the transportation piece and perhaps the length of the contract. If they agree changes could be made, this item could possibly come back as a resolution at the next meeting.

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

12. ADJOURN

Motion by Wendy Sue Johnson, second by Chris Hambuch-Boyle, to adjourn the meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion carried

Yes: Richard Spindler, Wendy Sue Johnson, Trish Cummins, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Kathryn P Duax, Chue Xiong.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.