

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, January 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
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Members present

Lori Bica, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

Members absent

Jarrett Dement, Marquell Johnson

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Lori Bica 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 AND 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Motion carried

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

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the Board took no action during closed session. Olivia O. from Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Erica Zerr to adopt the Board agenda for January 27, 2025.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized the following:

- National Board Certified Teachers
- Band and Jazz students from Memorial High School (Brady H., Oliver P., Michael S., and Micah Z.) for participating in the Wisconsin School Music Association Music Project
- Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School for their Leaders in Training Program
- Roosevelt Elementary for their Mentorship Program

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the School Board:

- Kati Barahona-Lopez supported the communication that was sent out regarding immigration.
- Adrienne Leland, a parent volunteer at Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School, spoke highly about the learning environment and connections at the school and invited the Board to upcoming events.

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

No report, as Commissioner Dement was not in attendance.

WASB Delegate Assembly

President Nordin provided a report on the WASB Delegate Assembly. Ten (10) out of the 12 proposed resolutions passed. Discussion and questions followed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources - Employment Report
- Open Enrollment for 2025-2026
- Administrator Contract Renewals
- Referendum Project Bids
- Gifts in the amount of \$90,739.41 for the period of November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$7,696,113.09 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,551,166.66 for the period of December 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Stephanie Farrar, 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 Closed Session - January 6, 2025
- Minutes of Board Meeting - January 6, 2025
- Board Summary Statement for OE-9: Budget and Financial Planning
- Board Summary Statement for OE-10: Financial Administration
- Administrator Contract Renewal
- Ratification of ECASD and ECAE Master Agreement

Motion carried

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

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

School Board Member Applications, Interviews, & Appointment

A random drawing for order of speakers was held. The applicants shared their statements in the following order: Amy Olson, Molly Boyle-Engedal, Pa Thao, and Laura Mason-Marshall. Board members and a student representative asked questions.

The vote was unanimous with each Board member voting for Pa Thao (received 4 votes). President Nordin welcomed Pa Thao to the School Board.

ECASD 2023-2024 Audit Review

The School Board listened to the 2023-24 Annual Audit Review given by April Anderson from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to approve the presented 2023-24 financial audit.

Motion carried

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

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-11 Asset Protection. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to accept the monitoring report for OE-11 Asset Protection, as presented.

Motion carried

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

Superintendent Johnson and Mandy Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the monitoring report for OE-5 Student Success. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Lori Bica to accept the monitoring report for OE-5 Student Success, as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, 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 Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to adjourn meeting

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.