

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, February 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
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Members present

Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, 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 Jarrett Dement, 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, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the Board approved level movement for staff for the upcoming year. Tevon M. from Locust Lane Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for February 17, 2025.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

RECOGNITION (R-1)

President Nordin welcomed new School Board Member, Pa Thao.

Superintendent Johnson recognized the following:

- Black History Month
- National School Counseling Week
- Pride in Foodservice Week
- Wisconsin School Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week
- We Love Our Public Schools Week
- National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizen addressed the School Board: Arla Prestin, a grandparent volunteer at Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School. Arla expressed how much excitement and creativity taking place at the school.

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

Commissioner Dement provided a Legislative update, which included the following bills heading to the Assembly floor:

- AB 1: Relating to changes to the educational assessment program and the school and school district accountability report.
- AB 3: Relating to incorporating cursive writing into the state model English language arts standards and requiring cursive writing in elementary grades.

- AB 4: Relating to required instruction in civics in the elementary and high school grades, high school graduation requirements, and private school educational programs.
- AB 5: Relating to requiring school boards to make textbooks, curricula, and instructional materials available for inspection by school district residents.
- AB 6: Relating to requiring a school board to spend at least 70 percent of its operating expenditures on direct classroom expenditures and annual pay increases for school administrators.

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
- Referendum Project Bids

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Closed Session - January 27, 2025
- Minutes of Board Meeting - January 27, 2025
- Minutes of Closed Session - February 7, 2025
- Minutes of Board Meeting - February 7, 2025
- Board Summary Statement for OE-5: Student Success
- Board Summary Statement for OE-11: Asset Protection
- Resolution in Support of We Love Our Public Schools Week

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD ACTION

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Lori Bica to temporarily suspend regular rules to allow petitioners to speak and present during a public hearing.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Dr. Mark Elworthy, Executive Director of Business Services, provided an overview of proposed petitions, as well as a brief history of boundary requests.

Petitioners Jennifer and Travis Smith Request to Alter School District Boundaries.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to deny Petitioners Jennifer and Travis Smith request to alter school district boundaries to detach the property from the Eau Claire Area School District and to attach it to the Durand-Arkansaw School District.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr
Abstain: Marquell Johnson

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order of denial.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr
Abstain: Marquell Johnson

Petitioners Margo and Bryce Purgett Request to Alter School District Boundaries.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to deny Petitioners Margo and Bryce Purgett request to alter school district boundaries to detach the property from the Durand-Arkansaw School District and to attach it to the Eau Claire Area School District.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr
Abstain: Marquell Johnson

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order of denial.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr
Abstain: Marquell Johnson

Petitioner Matthew Malmberg Request to Alter School District Boundaries.

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Jarrett Dement to deny Petitioner Matthew Malmberg request to alter school district boundaries to detach the property from the Eau Claire Area School District and to attach it to the Elk Mound Area School District. Discussion on motion.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao
No: Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order of denial.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao
No: Marquell Johnson, Erica Zerr

Petitioners Maurine and Scott Marek Request to Alter School District Boundaries.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to deny Petitioners Maurine and Scott Marek request to alter school district boundaries to detach the property from the Eau Claire Area School District and to attach it to the Fall Creek School District.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao
No: Marquell Johnson
Abstain: Erica Zerr

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Lori Bica to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order of denial.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao
No: Marquell Johnson
Abstain: Erica Zerr

Petitioners Sarah and Adam Boss Request to Alter School District Boundaries.

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Tim Nordin to deny Petitioners Sarah and Adam Boss request to alter school district boundaries to detach the property from the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District and to attach it to the Eau Claire Area School District. Discussion on motion.

Motion failed

Yes: Lori Bica, Tim Nordin

No: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to approve Petitioners Sarah and Adam Boss request to alter school district boundaries to detach the property from the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District and to attach it to the Eau Claire Area School District.

Motion carried

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

No: Lori Bica, Tim Nordin

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Pa Thao to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order to alter school district boundaries.

Motion carried

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

No: Lori Bica

Detachment and Attachment of Small Territory Initiated by School Boards – Smith.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the detachment of the Smith property from the Eau Claire Area School District and attach said property to the Durand-Arkansaw School District. Discussion on motion.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order to detach the Smith property from the Eau Claire Area School District and attach said property to the Durand-Arkansaw School District.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Detachment and Attachment of Small Territory Initiated by School Boards – Purgett.

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the detachment of the Purgett property from the Durand-Arkansaw School District and attach said property to the Eau Claire Area School District.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Stephanie Farrar to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order to detach the Purgett property from the Durand-Arkansaw School District and attach said property to the Eau Claire Area School District.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Jarrett Dement to adjourn public hearing.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

FOCUS ON RESULTS

Executive Director, Mandy Van Vleet, along with District staff, presented on middle school math, focusing on the strengths and areas of growth, continuous improvement efforts, and the implementation of the ECASD instructional framework to improve student outcomes. Michelle Radtke, Director of Secondary

Programming and Post-Secondary Readiness, provided a detailed analysis of Forward math data, highlighting the performance of different student groups. The presentation emphasized the importance of a guaranteed and viable curriculum, professional learning, and instructional delivery. Caleb Hundt and Christy Brower shared the specific efforts at South Middle School to improve math instruction, including shared leadership, student engagement, building thinking classrooms, and observation triads. They also discussed the importance of professional learning and collaboration among teachers. Discussion and questions followed.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-7 Community Engagement. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Lori Bica to accept the monitoring report for OE-7 Community Engagement, as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

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

ADJOURN

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Stephanie Farrar to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.