

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, March 24, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
ECASD Administration Building
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Members Present: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson (joined at 6:18 p.m., left at 6:45 p.m.), Tim Nordin (left at 6:51 p.m., joined again at 7:00 p.m.), Pa Thao

Members Absent: Erica Zerr, Marquell Johnson (left at 6:45 p.m.)

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.

CLOSED SESSION (B/SR-5)

Motion by Pa Thao, second by Lori Bica to move to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr
Not Present at Vote: Marquell Johnson

RECONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and announced that the Board took no action during closed session. Keej H. from Sherman Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for March 24, 2025.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized National Music in Our School Month, Youth Art Month, and National School Social Work Week. In addition, Mark Goings was recognized for 11 years of outstanding ECAE presidential leadership.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the School Board:

- Mark Lundin, a parent of a student at Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School student, highlighted the importance of preserving the Montessori identity and increasing community awareness of the school. Mark also shared positive experiences and events at the school, such as the art show.
- Mark Goings thanked Mike and Board members for the recognition. Mark also emphasized the importance of public education and the unique commitment of the Eau Claire community to ensuring every child receives a quality education, highlighting the collaborative efforts and shared goals of educational leaders in the District.

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

Commissioner Dement provided a Legislative update:

- The Joint Committee on Finance has announced public hearings on the Governor's 2025-27 state budget proposal to be held across the state in April.

- Updates were provided on Assembly Bill 1, which requires DPI to use specific school rating ranges, and Assembly Bills 101 and 103, which address policies on athletic team designations and the use of students' legal names and pronouns.

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
- Financial Report - October 2024
- Financial Report - November 2024
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$5,003,714.80 and net payroll in the amount of \$7,728,076.86 for the period of January 1, 2025, through January 31, 2025
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$4,192,304.80 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,284,265.72 for the period of February 1, 2025, through February 28, 2025
- Cash balances by financial institution as of August 31, 2024
- Cash balances by financial institution as of September 30, 2024
- Cash balances by financial institution as of October 31, 2024
- Cash balances by financial institution as of November 30, 2024

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Minutes of Closed Session - February 17, 2025
- Minutes of Board Meeting - February 17, 2025
- Minutes of Board Meeting - March 3, 2025
- Board Summary Statement for OE-7: Community Engagement

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Lori Bica to adjourn to work session at 7:29 p.m.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao

President Nordin reconvened the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Governance Policy Work Session

The Board discussed combining OE-5.2 and OE-5.8 from the OE-5 Student Success monitoring report into one item. President Nordin will draft something for review.

The Board then focused on evidence presented in monitoring reports, discussing the need for specific, clear, and precise data to support decision-making and track progress. Key points included the following:

- Possible changes to the OE-3 Climate Commitment monitoring report.
- How to cut back on the volume included in reports without compromising the expectations.
- The importance of considering intersectionality in data, particularly for underrepresented groups, and ways to improve data collection and reporting to better understand the challenges faced by different student groups with a focus on ensuring that data accurately reflects the experiences of all students. Administration highlighted the challenge of balancing detailed data and narrative.
- A suggestion was made to include information on how students view themselves in terms of competence and success in monitoring reports. The use of surveys, such as the Student Climate Survey and YRBS, to gather insights on student experiences and self-efficacy, was discussed.

- The role and perception of charter schools within the district, emphasizing their importance and integration into the community.

The Board acknowledged the ongoing efforts to refine data collection and reporting processes to ensure accuracy and relevance and is committed to enhancing its approach to monitoring and evidence-based decision-making to better support student outcomes and district goals.

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

No Board debrief.

ADJOURN

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to adjourn meeting

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.