

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, April 21, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
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Members present

Lori Bica, Stephanie Farrar, Marquell Johnson (departed at 7:08 p.m.), Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Members absent

Jarrett Dement

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Three siblings from Manz Elementary (Aramis R., Eowyn R., and Lachlan R.) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Erica Zerr to adopt the Board agenda for April 21, 2025.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

President Nordin, Superintendent Johnson, and Commissioner Farrar thanked outgoing Commissioner, Dr. Marquell Johnson, for his years of service and contributions to the ECASD.

Superintendent Johnson recognized Manz Elementary for their Updated Mission and Vision.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizens addressed the School Board:

- Dena Moore emphasized the importance of the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School education.
- La Mee Yang, President of the Hmong PTA, talked about the importance of having a Hmong liaison.
- Youa Vang, member of the Hmong PTA, talked about the importance of having a Hmong advocate.

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

No report, as Commissioner Dement was not in attendance.

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
- Gifts in the amount of \$10,105.01 for the period of March 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$7,275,136.12 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,313,396.62 for the period of March 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025
- District 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan
- Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal for Limited Term Contracts
- Authorization to the Executive Director of Human Resources

Motion carried

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

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Pa Thao, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - April 7, 2025
- Health Insurance Renewal Rates
- Dental Insurance Renewal Rates
- Vision Insurance Renewal Rates
- New Optional Employee Benefit - Accident and Critical Illness

Motion carried

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

FOCUS ON RESULTS

Supportive Learning Environment

Mandy Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, along with Christi Watkinson (Director of Student Services) and Dang Yang (Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), presented the ECASD Supportive Learning Environment framework, focusing on engagement, safety, and environment to improve students' educational experience. Director Yang shared the results of the Student Climate Survey, highlighting improvements in trusted adult relationships and emotional safety but noted ongoing challenges with peer-to-peer relationships and bullying. Principal Dave Oldenberg and Amber Dernbach, AVID Coordinator and Theater Instructor) discussed Memorial High School's initiatives to create a supportive learning environment, including the implementation of the Character Strong curriculum, student leadership programs, and various school events promoting inclusivity and student participation.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-8 Communication with the Board. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to accept the monitoring report for OE-8 Communication with the Board.

Motion carried

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

Superintendent Johnson presented the monitoring report for OE-12 Facilities. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Erica Zerr to accept the monitoring report for OE-12 Facilities.

Motion carried

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

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Elected School Board Members (Jasmine Case, Stephanie Farrar, and Tim Nordin) took the Oath of Office.

ADJOURN

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

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.