

Eau Claire School Board Budget Hearing & Special Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

ECASD Administration Building and Livestream

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Members present

Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

SPECIAL MEETING

President Nordin called the meeting to order at 5:35 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.

UPDATE ON THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

Dr. Mark Elworthy, Executive Director of Business Services, gave an update on the proposed budget for 2025-2026 since the Board adopted the preliminary budget on October 6, 2025. The presentation emphasized alignment with referendum commitments, restoration of fund balance, support for unfilled positions, and positioning for future balanced budgets. Dr. Elworthy explained the differences in levy amounts due to the lack of new state aid in the biennial budget, resulting in increased reliance on property taxes. The Board expressed ongoing concerns about inadequate state funding and emphasized the importance of advocacy and transparency in budget planning.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025-2026 EAU CLAIRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

No members of the public signed up to address the Board.

ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2026 ECASD BUDGET

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Erica Zerr that the School Board adopt the 2025-2026 Recommended Budget as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the Tax Levies, as presented.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Stephanie Farrar to adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000,000.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Stephanie Farrar to delegate Authority to Executive Director of Business Services to Request Cash Advances on the Line of Credit at Merchants Bank through June 30, 2026.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

ADJOURN

Motion by Stephanie Farrar, second by Pa Thao to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Tim Nordin, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.