

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
ECASD Administration Building and Livestream
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Members present

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

Members absent

Pa Thao

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. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (GC-2)

Motion by Erica Zerr, second by Lori Bica to adopt the Board agenda for January 26, 2026.

Motion carried

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

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

The following citizen addressed the School Board:

1) Katie Sideri

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

No report, as Commissioner Thao was not in attendance.

WASB Delegate Assembly

President Nordin reviewed outcomes from the WASB Delegate Assembly, highlighting the passage of the Eau Claire resolution for state-funded student lunches and an emergency resolution on special education funding, with voting details and implications discussed. The board was encouraged to review the full written report for further details.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources – Employment Report [HIRE: Special Education Teacher, Special Education Teacher – Intern; OVERLOAD: Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teacher; TRANSFER: Special Education Teachers; RETIRE: Academic Interventionist, Grade 2 Teacher, Grade 6 Teachers, Literacy Coach, School Counselors; UPDATE TO LT POSITION: Grade 4 Teacher]
- Open Enrollment for 2026-2027
- Administrator Contract Renewals
- Referendum Project Bids
- Ten-Year Capital Projects

Motion carried

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

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Jarrett Dement to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Closed Session - January 5, 2026
- Minutes of Board Meeting - January 5, 2026
- Board Summary Statement for OE-9: Budget and Financial Planning
- Board Summary Statement for OE-10: Financial Administration
- Administrator Contract Renewal

Motion carried

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

BOARD DEVELOPMENT*Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School*

Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School Principal Pam Hermodson, along with Sara Meeks (past Montessori Governance Board President) and Nick Foils (current Montessori Governance Board President) presented a comprehensive review of the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School's Strategic Change Task Force findings, diversity and outreach initiatives, academic performance and lottery data, and charter status implications. Discussion and questions followed, highlighting both the merits and challenges of renewing the charter versus transitioning to a District school.

MONITORING DISTRICT RESULTS*OE-11 Asset Protection*

Dr. Mark Elworthy, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the monitoring report for OE-11 Asset Protection. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Erica Zerr to move the OE-11 monitoring report to Board consent, as long as it remains in compliance. *Discussion on motion.*

Motion failed

Yes: Jarrett Dement, Tim Nordin

No: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Stephanie Farrar, Erica Zerr

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

Motion carried

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

OE-5 Student Success

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

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Stephanie Farrar to direct Administration to include historical information on all OE's.

Motion carried

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

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

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, 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 Jarrett Dement, second by Lori Bica to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.