

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, July 20, 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, Pa Thao, Erica Zerr

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Farrar called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Lori Bica, second by Jarrett Dement to adopt the Board agenda for July 20, 2026.

Motion carried

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

RECOGNITION (R-1)

New Student Representatives

President Farrar announced the new student representatives for the upcoming school year: Aunika Geske (North High School) and Lucy Ostedt (Memorial High School). The Board is still working to identify a representative from McKinley Secondary School and the Eau Claire Virtual School. The formal welcome for the new student representatives will occur at their first meeting in September.

Commissioner Tim Nordin

Commissioner Nordin was recognized for his service as School Board president, with Board members sharing reflections on their experiences working with him.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

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

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

Commissioner Thao provided a Legislative update, which included the following:

- The legislature is currently out of session with no major education bills moving forward, but there is ongoing interest in school funding negotiations.
- Reminder about the upcoming August 11th primary election.

Board Debrief

The Board had no questions or comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Tim Nordin, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Superintendent's Consent Agenda items:

- Human Resources – Employment Report [ADDITIONAL TIME: Art Teacher, German Teacher, Health Teacher, Social Studies Teachers; HIRE: Alternative Education Teacher, Art Teacher, Assistant Principal, Director of Secondary Programming & Post-Secondary Readiness, Dual Immersion Teacher – Grade 4, Elementary Literacy Coach, Executive Director of Human Resources, Grade 1 Teacher, Grade 3 Teacher – Intern, Grade 5 Teacher – Intern, Grade 5 Teacher, Grade 6 Teacher, Math Teacher, Multilingual Teacher, School Counselors, School Psychologist, Science Teacher, Social Studies Teacher, Spanish Teacher, Special Education Teachers, Speech & Language Pathologists; OVERLOAD: Math Teacher, Technology

Education Teacher; RESIGN: Art Teacher, Grade 6 Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, Multilingual Teacher, Phy Ed Teacher, School Counselor, School Psychologists, Science Teacher, Social Studies Teacher, Special Education Teachers, Support Services Facilitator; TITLE CHANGE: School Counselors; TRANSFER: Art Teacher, Assistant Principal, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Behavioral Interventionist, Director of Special Education, Grade 2 Teacher, Health/Phy Ed Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, Math/Alt Ed Teacher, Media & Technology Integration Specialist, Principals, Special Education Teachers; VOLUNTARY REDUCTION: Media & Technology Integration Specialist]

- Cash balances by financial institution as of May 31, 2026
- Cash balances by financial institution as of June 30, 2026
- Financial Report - May 2026
- Gifts in the amount of \$114,520.67 for the period of May 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$9,011,284.19 and net payroll in the amount of \$5,536,578.13 for the period of May 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026
- Annual Approval of Curriculum Standards
- Achievement Gap Reduction – Report
- Property Insurance Renewal
- Referendum Project Bids
- Neola Policy Update
- Fund 46 – Capital Projects Fund Transfer

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 Jarrett Dement, second by Lori Bica to approve the following Board's Consent Agenda items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - June 1, 2026

Motion carried

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

WORK SESSION

Motion by Jarrett Dement, second by Pa Thao to adjourn to work session.

Motion carried

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

Communication Plan

Board members engaged in a facilitated discussion aimed at enhancing their communication with the community. They focused on building trust, sharing the District's successes, and preparing for challenging conversations that may arise in the upcoming year. They highlighted the importance of developing a more proactive and consistent communication strategy moving forward.

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

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

ADJOURN

Motion by Pa Thao, second by Lori Bica to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.