

Eau Claire School Board Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
ECASD Administration Building and Livestream
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Members present

Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Pa Thao

Members absent

Tim Nordin, Erica Zerr

CONVENE (GC-1)

President Farrar 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 Jarrett Dement, second by Lori Bica to adopt the Board agenda for August 17, 2026.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Pa Thao

RECOGNITION (R-1)

Superintendent Johnson recognized District Departments: Human Resources, Student Services (including Special Education and Enrollment), Business Services, Payroll and Accounting, and Teaching and Learning.

PUBLIC FORUM (GC-2.3c)

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

REPORTS

Legislative Liaison Report

No report.

Board Debrief

The Board had no questions or comments.

WPEN 12th Annual Summer Summit

Commissioner Pa Thao shared insights from the WPEN 12th Annual Summer Summit, emphasizing Native American culture inclusion, relationship-building, community advocacy, and practical models for supporting diverse student groups, with Board members referencing the relevance to upcoming equity discussions. Pa gained practical ideas for our District, as well as a deeper understanding of effective Board leadership.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

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

- Human Resources – Employment Report [HIRE: Academic Interventionist/Social Studies Teacher/Science Teacher, Art Teachers, Assistant Director of Special Education, Health Teacher/Phy Ed Teacher, Science Teacher, Special Education Teachers, Speech & Language Pathologist; OVERLOAD: Math Teacher, Social Studies Teacher, Technology Education Teachers; RESIGN: School Psychologist; TRANSFER: Assistant Director of Special Education, Secondary Instructional Coach, Special Education Teacher]
- Cash Balances by Financial Institution as of July 31, 2026

- Financial Report - June 2026
- Financial Report - July 2026
- Gifts in the amount of \$5,218.53 for the period of July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026
- Payment of all bills in the amount of \$9,347,139.57 and net payroll in the amount of \$6,419,144.25 for the period of July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026
- Neola Policy Update

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Pa Thao

BOARD'S CONSENT AGENDA (GC-2.5)

Motion by Lori Bica, second by Jasmine Case to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of Board Meeting - August 3, 2026
- Employee Handbook Modifications for 2026-2027
- Retirement Changes Beginning in the 2026-2027 School Year
- Equity Statement: Affirm
- R-1 Mega Result: Affirm
- OE-1 Global Operational Expectation: Affirm
- OE-13 Emergency Superintendent Succession

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Pa Thao

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation Update

Kelly Christianson, Executive Director of the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation (ECPSF), presented a comprehensive update on the Foundation, detailing its history, funding mechanisms, grant and scholarship distributions, signature events, ongoing growth strategies, and collaborative communication with the Board and district leadership. Discussion and questions followed, with Dr. Carmen Manning, chair of the ECPSF's Board of Trustees, touching on how the Board can be more engaged with the Foundation.

FOCUS ON RESULTS

K-5 Math Program Review Update

Mandy Van Vleet, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning; Heather Grant, Director of Early Learning and Elementary Programming; and Miranda Stowell, PK-12 Math Coordinator, presented a detailed review of the K-5 math program. Highlights included data analysis, root cause identification, research-based recommendations, resource evaluation, and the selection of Bridges as the new math curriculum, with a structured pre-implementation and curriculum writing plan for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion and questions followed.

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICER

Election of Clerk Designee

Stephanie Farrar nominated Pa Thao as Clerk Designee, second by Jasmine Case. Pa Thao accepted the nomination. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

BOARD DEBRIEF (GC-2.3)

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

ADJOURN

Motion by Pa Thao, second by Jarrett Dement to adjourn meeting.

Motion carried

Yes: Lori Bica, Jasmine Case, Jarrett Dement, Stephanie Farrar, Pa Thao

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.