

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 13, 2025 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Prior to the start of the Board meeting, acting Clerk, Jeff Hahn, facilitated the drawing of lots for ballot order. The order for the Village of DeForest is 1. Gussie Lewis, 2. Michelle Hauser, 3. Jan Berg. There is only one candidate for the Village of Windsor, Stephanie Sarr.</p> <p>Convene President Gail Lovick called the January 13, 2025 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m in the Boardroom of the District Office, 500 S. Cleveland Avenue, DeForest, WI 53532.</p> <p>Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Dyanna Kadrach, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger, and Roz Craney.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Brian Coker recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>A. Approve Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Berg, seconded by Sarr, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Announcements by the Chair</p> <p>The Board of Education will convene into Closed Session under WI Statute 19.85(1)(f) and (g) and 118.125, to discuss and confer with legal counsel regarding a complaint against the district which, if discussed in open session, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of individuals involved in the complaint and result in disclosure of student personally identifiable information, and may take action upon matters discussed in closed session. The Board may reconvene in open session and take action upon the matters discussed in closed session.</p>
4.	<p>Board Education</p> <p>A. Presentation from Village of DeForest administration on Village funding and use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as it relates to the the DeForest Area School District</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Village of DeForest Administrator, Bill Chang and Alex Allon, Community Development Coordinator, were present to share information about the use of Tax</p>

	Increment Financing (TIF), as it relates to the DeForest Area School District. They explained that a TIF is the most powerful (and only) economic development tool for Wisconsin municipalities. The intent is to incentivize community development. They also shared information on municipal funding and property taxes.
5.	Public Input - None.
6.	Press Verification The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.
7.	Convene into Closed Session  Hahn moved, Lewis seconded, to move into closed session at 7:06 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Coker, Esser, Hahn, Leonhart, Lewis, Lovick, Sarr, and Taylor. Naye – None. Absent – None.  While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(f) and (g) and 118.125 [discuss and confer with legal counsel regarding a complaint against the district]
8.	Reconvene into Open Session  On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Leonhart, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 8:08 pm.
9.	Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business - No action was taken as a result of closed session.
10.	Board Consent Agenda A. Accept Minutes - December 9, 2024 B. Authorize Board Delegate, Brian Coker, to vote in the best interest of the District on WASB Resolutions at the State Education Convention, January 2025 C. Renewal of Administrator Contracts per State Statute 118.24  Taylor made a motion, Coker seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
11.	Superintendent Consent Agenda A. Personnel Recommendations <b>Certified Staff Recommendations for Board Approval</b> I. Separations: None II. Appointments: Linnea Bertram- Associate Principal Summer School, new position Emily Niesen- One Year Special Education Teacher Harvest, replacing Madelyn Markart III. Other: None <b>Other Administrative Actions</b> I. Separations: Corbin Hynes- Maintenance Mechanic B&G, resignation effective 12/31/2024 Joy Ihland- LMC Assistant WES, retirement effective 2/4/2025 Kelly Pieper- Recess WES, resignation effective 1/17/2025 Jennifer Prusakiewicz- Educational Assistant YES, resignation effective 12/20/2024

	<p>II. Appointments: Shania Scott, Educational Assistant Harvest, replacing Meghan Lloyd Kathleen Goodman, Recess WES, replacing Kelly Pieper Alexander Mory, Head Girls Tennis Coach DAHS, replacing Kristen Pachal</p> <p>III. Other: Robert Broehme, Custodian DAHS to Custodian DAMS, replacing Paul Savage Cassidy Hewitt, Educational Assistant WES to Educational Assistant YES, replacing Jennifer Prusakiewicz</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 210286-210387, 242501178-242501445, 202400245-202400350</p> <p>Leonhart made a motion, Berg seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
12.	Board Debrief
13.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:11 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Berg and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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