# DeForest Area School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes Monday, February 8, 2021 – 6:00 pm.

#### 1. Convene

President Jan Berg called the February 8, 2021 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m.

Eric Runez verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Gail Lovick, Jeff Miller, Spencer Statz, and Steve Tenpas. Present via remote access was: Linda Leonhart. Absent was: Keri Brunelle. Also present was administrator Eric Runez. Present via remote access was: Rebecca Toetz, Kathy Davis, Sara Totten, Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger and Debbie Brewster.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sue Esser recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.

# 2. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Statz, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.

### 3. Announcements by the Chair

The Board may convene into Closed Session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) (Superintendent evaluation)

## 4. Student Recognition

A. Recognize High School Student, Emma Wondra, winner of Fox 47 MSG 2 Teens PSA Contest

<u>Discussion</u>: The Board recognized High School student, Emma Wondra. Wondra was the winner of the Fox 47 MSG 2 Teens PSA Contest. The Board was able to view the video and complemented Wondra for her hard work and talent.

## 5. Board Business & possible Board action

A. Presentation and possible approval of OE-11, Instructional Program Monitoring Report

<u>Discussion</u>: Director of Administrative Services, Pete Wilson, Director of Instructional Services, Rebecca Toetz, and Program Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, Kate Dabetic presented the monitoring report for OE-11, Instructional Program. The report was presented as in compliance, with noted exception. The administrators presented strengths, areas for continued improvement and action steps moving forward. Due to

the State cancellation of the spring administration of the annual Forward Exam in response to the pandemic and by no fault of the District, indicator 11.7 is designated as incomplete for lack of evidence. The Wisconsin Forward Exam will be administered this year with some modifications.

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Lovick, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept OE-11, Instructional Program Board Policy Monitoring Report, as in compliance, with noted exceptions, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote, with Brunelle absent.

On a motion by Esser, seconded by Coker, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve OE-11, Instructional Program Board Policy Monitoring Report, as in compliance with noted exceptions. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote, with Brunelle absent.

B. Report on implementation of District Return to School Plan

<u>Discussion</u>: Superintendent, Eric Runez presented an update on the implementation of the District Return to School Plan. An update on K-5 Return to School Hybrid, concurrent instruction, and staffing was provided. Status of the sixteen Districts operating in Dane County was shared. District efforts towards staff vaccination, effects of newly issued Public Health Madison Dane County Emergency Order #13, and considerations for expanding in-person instruction was reported. Staff are currently planning for another pivot to increase in-person time at elementary level. Planning continues for social distancing, cohorting, communication to families, staffing, building schedules, special education schedules, use of desks, transportation, food service, class lists, recess supervision and cleaning. Finally, implications for summer school and the 2021-2022 school year were shared.

- 6. Public Input Rebecca Hannon, Derek Kramerson, Chris Behrendt, Tom Sandow, and Jody Schumacher provided comments on returning to school.
- 7. Board Consent Agenda
  - A. Accept Minutes January 25, 2021
  - B. 2021-2022 Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative 66.0301 Agreement
  - C. Approval of Monitoring Report Summary Statement for Board Policy OE-8 Communicating with the Board
  - D. Approve date change for Board Retreat from March 29, 2021 to April 5, 2021

Esser made a motion, Tenpas seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote, with Brunelle absent.

- 8. Superintendent Consent Agenda
  - A. Personnel Recommendations
    - I. Separations:

Jane Troz - Speech & Language Pathologist EPES - retirement effective 6/7/2021

- II. Leaves: None.
- III. Transfers: None.
- IV. Appointments:

Martha Marsh - Educational Assistant WES - new position

Avery Jamison - Educational Assistant WES - new position

Maiya Nelson - Assistant Girls LaCrosse Coach DAHS - replacing Joshua Crom

	V. Reassignments:None. VI. Other: None.
	B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 203435-203497, 202100745-202100781,202000345-202000439.
	Lovick made a motion, Leonhart seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote, with Brunelle absent.
9.	Linkages
10.	Press Verification The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.
11.	Future Agenda Items
12.	Convene into Closed Session
	Statz moved, Coker seconded, to move into a closed session at 8:30 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Coker, Esser, Leonhart, Lovick, Miller, Statz, and Tenpas. Naye – None. Absent – Brunelle.
	While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c).[Superintendent annual contractual evaluation]
13.	Reconvene into Open Session
	On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Statz, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 9:14 pm.
14.	Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business - none.
15.	Board Debrief
16.	Adjourn The Board of Education adjourned at 9:21pm on a motion by Lovick, seconded by Miller, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
	DASD BOE President Signature:
	Date: