

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes,
Monday, February 9, 2015 – 6:15 pm.**

1. Convene

President Jan Berg called the February 9, 2015 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6: 15 p.m.

Board members present: Jan Berg, Jeff Miller, DeAnna Giovanni,, Terri Treinen and Christopher McFarlin. Kate Lund arrived at 6:25 pm. Absent was: Jim Pertzborn. Also present were administrators Sue Borden, Sue Wilson, Kathy Davis, and Barb Buffington.

Village Board members present: Judd Blau, Ken Clark, Dick Josephson, Paul Blount, Chip Van Meter, Jason Kramar.

Administrators present: Kathy Davis, Barb Buffington, Ann Higgins, Debbie Brewster.

Sue Borden verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Hands Pledge were recited.

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

Steve Tenpas recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission and Vision Statements.

2. Appearances Before the Board of Education related to Agenda Item 3.A.1.

Public Input: None.

3. Board Business

A. Ends Discussion

1.) Joint discussion and linkage with Village of DeForest Municipal Board to discuss the following:

- Yahara School Driveway
- Pool Discussion
- Extension of Jefferson Street

(GP 1: Role of the Board) (Approx. 60 min.)

Discussion: The Village of DeForest Municipal Board was in attendance to discuss items of mutual interest. The discussion began with Deane Baker, Village of DeForest Director of Public Works displaying a model of the new Yahara School one-way driveway for bus use, providing safer drop off and pick up for students. There was also discussion about a trail that will be developed next to the road. There was discussion about the use and maintenance of the road and trail. Baker shared that the lowest bid received was from Tri-County for the cost of the driveway at \$170,900.00, which includes \$41,000 for the trail. Superintendent, Sue Borden explained that approximate \$150,000 has been projected for the driveway and trail and is suggesting that the Village contribute approximate \$25,000 toward the project. Village Board

members shared their support for that contribution. Formal approval by both Boards will happen at future Board meetings.

The next discussion was about a community pool. There was interest in exploring a therapeutic pool. Community partnerships would be encouraged. A recent community survey indicated support for a pool. A joint partnership with the Towns, Village and School District, along with private corporations should be considered. The next step will be forming a committee to further explore options. Giovanni, Treinen and McFarlin volunteered to represent the Board of Education on the committee.

Finally, the extension of Jefferson Street was discussed. The proposed extension could increase accessibility to the High School. Visitors to the area may find it easier to get to the school and to leave after events. This could also help students who drive have a more direct route to the school, rather than driving through neighborhoods. The proposed extension includes piping that would provide drainage that may increase the usable time of the athletic fields. More information about drainage will be observed in the spring after the thaw or after a heavy rain. A new pool may also be a consideration in future discussions about the extension. Residents that would be affected would be notified as soon as possible. Both boards appreciate collaborating on all the projects discussed.

The Village Board adjourned their meeting on a motion by Kramer, second by Van Meter. The motion passed with 7-0.

2.) Other Appearances Before the Board (Approx. 10 min.)

Jason Kramar spoke about restricted seating at graduation and the hope of finding a larger venue. John Scepaniski and Marcia Riquelme from the DeForest Area Progressives group spoke in support of school district teachers.

3.) Teacher Alternate Compensation Committee report, including transition plan (EL 5: Compensation and Benefits; EL 2: Communication and Support to the Board) (Approx. 45 min.)

Discussion: Director of Instructional Services, Sue Wilson introduced Lori Kvalheim, District Instructor and member of the Teacher Compensation Committee and Director of Business and Auxiliary Services, Kathy Davis. Wilson reviewed the guiding principles for compensation and the work of the Teacher Alternate Compensation Committee. She explained that there will be listening sessions for staff explaining the transition to the new compensation model and answered questions from the Board. Kvalheim explained her experience with the committee and answered questions as well. After feedback, the structure will be brought to the Board for approval.

4.) Staff and enrollment update, including Department of Public Instruction 2nd-Friday in January Student Count (Ann Higgins) (EL 2: Communication and Support to the Board) (Approx. 30 min.)

Discussion: Director of Administrative Services, Ann Higgins explained the 2nd-Friday in January Student Count report. The report indicates an increase of 18 students since the 3rd-Friday count report in September 2014. She reported 42 students open enroll in and 17 open enroll out. She reviewed class sizes. Average class size throughout all elementary schools for next year will be 21.1 or less. There is still more discussion needed at the middle school to determine the number of 6th grade sections. The high school is expecting to see an increase of 70 students in two years. Officially student count on January 9, 2015 was 3,637. Staff will continue to monitor enrollment as the new school year approaches.

- 5.) Next steps in referendum planning (GP 1: Role of the Board; EL 10: Facilities) (Approx. 30 min.)

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathy Davis provided a financial update for referendum costs. She explained a five year forecast of new anticipated expenditures if the referendum passes. She also explained the fund balance forecast for the next 5 years. She reported on how the fund balance would be used in the next few years to lower the tax impact until prior referendum debt is paid off. Davis also discussed how operational expenses have been considered and planned for, if the referendum passes.

Matt Wolfert and Mike Hacker from Bray Architects were present and spoke about a potential timeline for project completion should the referendum pass. Wolfert explained several scenarios for scheduling. He explained the base plan, where construction begins in spring of 2016, with completion in 2017. In order to accelerate the schedule, specific site planning would need to begin now, rather than after the referendum would pass in April. Construction could potentially begin in September 2015 and would go through the winter with completion mid-school year 2016-2017. General consensus is that the Board would like to proceed with the base plan, rather than the accelerated plan. Communication will be very important to help the community understand the timeline.

4. Agenda Planning

- A. Open Enrollment policy review
- B. Student/Staff Foreign and Domestic Travel policy
- C. MES Task Force
- D. Local trends seen in law enforcement
- E. Consideration of Jefferson Street extension

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Accept Minutes – January 26, 2015 regular meeting.
- B. Required Approvals

Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report

Void: None.

Paid: 192448 - 192461, 192463 - 192491, 192493 - 192508, 192510 - 192527, 192529 - 192564, 141501175 - 141501181, 141501183 - 141501209, 141501211 - 141501217, 141501219 - 141501223, 141501225 - 141501233, 141501240 - 141501250, 1415012 - 141501250, 141501252 - 141501254, 141501256 - 141501264, 201400174, 201400220, 201400223 - 201400237, 201400239.

Budget Transfer: None

Personnel Recommendations:

I. Separations:

Bruce Brusoe - Department Chair Math DAHS - resignation effective January 23, 2015

Marcine Yankee - Third Grade Teacher YES - retirement effective June 10, 2015

William Porter - Sixth Grade Teacher DAMS - retirement effective June 10, 2015

II. Leaves:

None

III. Transfers:

Lumturije Duleska - Custodian DAHS to Custodian WES

IV. Appointments:

Rebecca Stolpa - Educational Assistant LTE WES - replacing Suzanne Mayer

Mark Ray - Department Chair Math DAHS - replacing Bruce Brusoe

Erin Schara - Custodian DAHS - replacing Lumturije Duleska

V. Reassignments:

None

VI. Other:

None

C. Accept Monitoring Reports

1. Administrative Monitoring Status Reports

On a motion by Tenpas seconded by Lund, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Consent Agenda was approved.

6. Linkages

Board Members: Choi was at a basketball game last weekend. Giovanni reported that all the WASB Resolutions at the State Education Convention passed as presented.

Administration: Reminder about the Board retreat on Monday, January 16, 2015.

7. Press Verification

The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.

8. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:34 pm on a motion by Giovanni, seconded by Tenpas, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DASD BOE President

Date