

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

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the March 8, 2021 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:01 p.m.</p> <p>Eric Runez verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Keri Brunelle, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Miller, Spencer Statz, and Steve Tenpas. Absent were: Linda Leonhart and Gail Lovick. Also present was administrator Eric Runez. Present remotely was Rebecca Toetz, Kathy Davis, Sara Totten, Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger and Debbie Brewster.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Jeff Miller recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Coker seconded by Esser, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Announcements by the Chair</p> <p>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)</p>
4.	<p>Staff Recognition</p> <p>A. Recognition of Amy Jambor, High School Social Studies and English Teacher, winner of Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> High School Social Studies and English Teacher, Amy Jambor, has been selected as an Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship award winner. The Board, Superintendent Eric Runez, and High School Principal, Machell Schwarz congratulated her for this accomplishment. The Kohl Teacher Fellowship program recognizes and supports teaching excellence and innovation in the State of Wisconsin. Fellowship recipients are educators who have been chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others, and their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. The 100 Herb Kohl Fellowship recipients and the 100 schools of those teachers will each receive a \$6,000 grant and will be recognized at a spring banquet.</p>
5.	<p>Board Business &amp; possible Board action</p> <p>A. Report on 2020-2021 iReady data for literacy and numeracy</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Administrative Services, Dr. Pete Wilson, Instructional</p>

Services, Dr. Rebecca Toetz, and Program Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, Kate Dabetic, provided an update on iReady assessment data, comparing the Winter 2018-2019 data, to the Winter 2020-2021 data in the subject areas of English/Language Arts and Math. Testing was completed in-person as much as possible, and for those who were virtual, the test was proctored via Google Meet. Results of these assessments provide teachers with actionable insight into student needs and help determine when student interventions are needed. While there was a dip in the results, DeForest students still performed above the national average for Math. In English/Language Arts DeForest students also performed above the national average. Some areas of focus include focused work on Numbers and Operations and Comprehension of Informational Text. Each building principal will work with their Continuous Improvement Team to develop action plans that address areas of need and define goals for reading and math.

B. Presentation and possible approval of R-3, Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Monitoring Report

Discussion: Program Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, Kate Dabetic, College & Career Readiness Coordinator, Chris Smith, and Director of Instructional Services, Dr. Rebecca Toetz presented the monitoring report for Board Policy, R-3, Self-Directed Complex Thinkers. They presented the report as making reasonable progress, with noted exception. An area of particular interest is Academic & Career Planning. The Academic & Career Planning (ACP) index score improved from 2.77 to 2.91, the Social Emotional Learning Index score rose from 2.91 to 3.03, as well as the Drive Index, which rose from 2.84 to 2.95. Students are allocated one period per week for ACP activities which will include building their high school course plan during Advisory time. That is being documented electronically. Elements of students' ACP activities are embedded in the graduation requirement portfolio/presentations. Intentional connection time dedicated to Advisory programming will continue.

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Miller, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept R-3, Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Monitoring Report, as presented, as making reasonable progress, with noted exception. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Brunelle, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve R-3, Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Board Policy Monitoring Report, as making reasonable progress, with noted exception, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Update on implementation of District Return to School Plan

Discussion: Superintendent, Eric Runez provided an update on the implementation of the District Return to School Plan. He provided a timeline review, a summary of the new Public Health Madison Dane County, Order #14 and implications for planning. Most notable is the elimination of the requirement for students to remain six feet apart, allowing for more flexibility in social distancing. Staff members are still required to remain six feet apart. Runez shared news about vaccinations, indicating that staff who wish to be vaccinated, will be able to prior to the return to 4 days of in-person instruction in April. Dr. Toetz provided a review of planning by each level. Communication will be going to families in the next several days. Requests for

	<p>moving from virtual instruction to hybrid in-person will be accommodated in grades K-4. Other grades will be handled on a case by case basis. Schedules will remain the same. Future considerations for the 2021-2022 school year were shared, including planning for 5 days a week in-person instruction, as well as a plan to offer a virtual learning option.</p> <p>D. Authorize Board Clerk to appoint Board of Canvassers for the 2021 Spring Election</p> <p>On a motion by Brunelle, seconded by Statz the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to authorize the Board Clerk, Brain Coker, to appoint the Board of Canvassers for the 2021 Spring Election. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
6.	Public Input - None.
7.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - February 22, 2021</p> <p>B. Approve OE-4 Monitoring Report Summary Statement</p> <p>Tenpas made a motion, Coker seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
8.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p>I. Separations:</p> <p>Kim Hahn-Renz - 5th Grade Teacher - Retirement 6/7/2021</p> <p>II. Leaves: None.</p> <p>III. Transfers: None.</p> <p>IV. Appointments:</p> <p>Christopher Holly - Music Teacher HIS - New Position</p> <p>Mark Hinner - Football Assistant Coach DAHS - replacing Eric Stewart</p> <p>V. Reassignments: None.</p> <p>VI. Other: None.</p> <p>Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Paid: 203542-203581, 202100843-202100881, 202000430-202000502, 19085-19085</p> <p>Esser made a motion, Brunelle seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
9.	Linkages
10.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
11.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Statz moved, Coker seconded, to move into closed session at 7:45 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Brunelle, Coker, Esser, Miller, Statz, and Tenpas. Naye – None. Absent – Lovick and Leonhart.</p>

	While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c).[Superintendent annual contractual evaluation]
12.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Coker, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 8:30 pm.</p>
13.	Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business
14.	Future Agenda Items - Committee structure
15.	Board Debrief
16.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:32 pm on a motion by Esser, seconded by Tenpas, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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