

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2019 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the March 11, 2019 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>Eric Runez verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Keri Brunelle, Sue Esser, Gail Lovick, Linda Leonhart, Jeff Miller, and Spencer Statz. Absent were: Brian Coker and Steve Tenpas . Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Rebecca Toetz, Kathy Davis, Sara Totten, and Debbie Brewster.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Jan Berg recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission and Vision Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Lovick, seconded by Leonhart, 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 Quarterly Conversation)</p>
4.	<p>Showcasing Schools</p> <p>A. Recognition of High School Students, Audrey Williams and Jacob Chambers - National Merit Scholarship Finalists</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> High School Principal, Machell Schwarz was present to introduce and recognize the accomplishments of High School students, Audrey Williams and Jacob Chambers who have been selected as National Merit Scholarship Finalists. They have been selected out of 16,000 students who applied. Winners will be announced by the end of March.</p>
5.	<p>Public Input</p> <p>A. Public Input - District staff members, Melody Leung and Marcos Vilela were present on behalf of District English Language Learner (ELL) families to present a letter to the School Board from the families regarding their support for the upcoming referendum, regardless of their ability to vote in the upcoming election.</p>
6.	<p>Board Education</p>

A. Referendum Communication Plan update

Discussion: School/Community Relations Coordinator, Debbie Brewster provided an update on recent communication efforts regarding the upcoming referendum. The second newsletter will be in mailboxes this week. She reviewed upcoming informational events including the last Referendum Informational Meeting at Yahara Elementary School on Wednesday, March 13, presentations to PTO's, District staff, area municipalities, DeForest Windsor Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Senior Center, and Parkside Village.

B. Redefining Ready (National College and Career Readiness Indicators) - Director of Instructional Services, Dr. Rebecca Toetz

Discussion: Director of Instructional Services, Dr. Rebecca Toetz, High School Principal, Machell Schwarz and Program Coordinator for College and Career Readiness, Kerry Johnson, were present to explain Redefining Ready. Redefining Ready is a national initiative launched by the AASA (The School Superintendents Association) to introduce new research-based metrics to more appropriately assess that students are college ready, career ready and life ready. Toetz explained academic indicators, standardized testing benchmarks, as well as additional factors that indicate a student's readiness for college, careers, and life. The District's goal is to integrate the use of the indicators into every student's ACP (Academic and Career Plan). Potentially, a presentation of the ACP plan or portfolio could be a requirement for graduation.

7. Board Business & possible Board action

A. Authorize Board Clerk to appoint Board of Canvassers for 2019 Spring Election

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Lovick, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education authorized Board Clerk, Brian Coker, to appoint the Board of Canvassers for the 2019 Spring Election. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

B. Review and approve 2019-2020 District Budget Assumptions - Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis reported on budget assumptions. For the 2019-20 school year the DASD Core Leadership team has been working on enhancing the budget development process. Ultimately the goal is to shift from the status quo methods of budgeting to a process that aligns budget decisions more closely to student achievement. Based on the Governor's proposed budget it is likely there will be an increase in the revenue limit. She provided budget estimates based on a revenue limit increase of both \$100 and \$150 per pupil. She explained that the estimates are preliminary and defined areas that still need to be determined prior to final budget decisions, including official student counts, finalization of health insurance, contract negotiations, final grant allocations, final staffing decisions, and results of the April 2 referendum.

	<p>On a motion by Lovick, seconded by Esser, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the 2019-2020 District Budget Assumptions, as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
8.	<p>Board Consent Agenda A. Accept Minutes - February 25, 2019</p> <p>Miller made a motion, Statz seconded, to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
9.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>Personnel Recommendations</p> <p>I. Separations: Andrea Lupo - CC Teacher DAHS - resignation effective 4/5/2019 Jenna Hamilton - Educational Assistant DMS - resignation effective 3/22/2019 David Austin - Custodial/Maintenance DMS - resignation effective 3/8/2019 Kate Stewart - Food Service Assistant MES - resignation effective 3/4/2019 Jan Williams - English Teacher DHS - retirement effective 6/12/2019 Michael Bauman - ELL Teacher DHS - resignation effective 4/12/2019</p> <p>II. Leaves: None. III. Transfers: None. IV. Appointments: Sue Eder - Athletic Aide DHS Track - new position V. Reassignments: None. VI. Other: None.</p> <p>Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 200480-200532, 181901680 - 181901774, 201800621 - 201800727</p> <p>Esser made a motion, Statz seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
10.	<p>Linkages - Esser received positive feedback on the DASD FFA's attendance at the Dane County Humane Society. Leonhart attended the Early Childhood and 4K Registration Fair. Leonhart and Berg are making plans to coordinate a presentation, in collaboration with the District and the Public Library, on the importance of early learning on April 24. April 28 is the Top Ten Scholars Banquet.</p>
11.	<p>Press Verification The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
12.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Miller moved, Brunelle seconded, to move into closed session at 7:45 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Esser, Giovanni, Leonhart, Lovick, Miller, and Brunelle. Naye – None. Absent – Coker and Tenpas.</p> <p>While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c).[Superintendent Quarterly Conversation]</p>

13.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Esser, seconded by Leonhart, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 8:17 pm.</p>
14.	Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business - None.
15.	Board Debrief
16.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:18 pm on a motion by Lovick, seconded by Brunelle, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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