

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2024 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Gail Lovick called the March 11, 2024 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, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr (arrived at 6:05 pm) and Megan Taylor. Absent was: Sue Esser. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Dyanna Kadrich, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger and Kathy Williams.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Jan Berg recited the DeForest Area School District’s Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>A. Review DASD Board of Education Norms and Working Agreements B. Approve Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Leonhart, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Showcasing Schools</p> <p>A. Future Farmers of America (FFA) Update - Student Presentation</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> FFA students were present to provide an update on the District Land Lab. Also present were FFA Advisors Gwen Boettcher and agri-science teachers, Abbey Meffert and Zeth Engel. Students present were Sam Mell, Joss Hoffman, Violet Lawrence, Anika Baerwolf, Paige Huber, Alex Blount, Cedona Bertram, Zander Christianson, and Ava Hoodjer . The students shared that the total net income for 2023 was \$13,791.12 with a 30% share to DASD of \$4,137.34 and the total FFA Land Lab portion is \$9,653.78. The DeForest chapter currently has 515 members and was recognized as a National 3-Star Chapter in 2023.</p>
4.	<p>Board Education on Public School Funding</p> <p>A. Information on Public School Funding with Anne Chapman, Research Director, WI Association of School Business Officials (WASBO)</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Presenter Anne Chapman is the research director for Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials (WASBO). She provided information on the</p>

	<p>state of school finance in Wisconsin.</p> <p>B. Revisions to Board of Education engagement presentation for use at future community information sessions</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board reviewed a draft presentation that could be used at future community information sessions on public school funding and needs for future funding in the DeForest Area School District. The Board provided feedback on the presentation and will discuss revisions at the next Board meeting.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Board Business & possible Board action</p> <p>A. Presentation and possible approval of Board Policy, R-3 Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Monitoring Report</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Directors of Instruction, Kate Dabetic (Gr. 4K-6) and Chris Smith (Gr. 7-12) presented the monitoring report for Board Policy, R-3 Self-Directed Complex Thinkers. They presented it as making reasonable progress.</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Lewis, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept Board Policy, R-3 Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Monitoring Report, as presented, as making reasonable progress. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>On a motion by Sarr, seconded by Coker, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve Board Policy, R-3 Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Monitoring Report, as presented, as making reasonable progress. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>B. Appoint member of the Board of Education to serve as Clerk to perform duties related to the 2024 Spring School Board Election, including appoint Board of Canvassers</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Due to the Board Clerk, Jeff Hahn, being on the Spring Election ballot, the Board needs to appoint someone else to serve as clerk to perform the duties related to the election, including appointing and serving on the Board of Canvassers. Stephanie Sarr was appointed to serve as the Clerk, with Linda Leonhart serving as the backup for the Board of Canvassers, and any other duties related to the 2024 spring election.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Public Input - An anonymous email was read regarding a student assembly.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - February 26, 2024</p> <p>B. Approval of written evaluation of District Lockdown Drill Report</p> <p>C. Approval of Board-Superintendent Relations Monitoring Report Summary Statements</p> <p>Berg made a motion, Taylor seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p><i>Certified Staff Recommendations for Approval</i></p> <p>I. Separations: Megan Dailey - 2nd Grade Teacher EPES - resignation - not returning from one year leave</p> <p>II. Appointments: None</p> <p>III. Other: Kristyn Joyes - Science Teacher DAHS - leave 3/7/2024 through end of 2023-24 school year</p> <p><i>Other Administrative Actions</i></p> <p>I. Separations: Kayla Retallick - Secretary DAMS - resignation effective 3/1/2024 Victoria Steinhauer - Educational Assistant DAHS - resignation effective 2/29/2024 Melissa Paul - Food Service Assistant EPES - resignation effective 3/15/2024 Scott Schumann - Head Girls Volleyball Coach DAHS - resignation effective 3/6/2024</p> <p>II. Appointments: Delaney Simon - Recess EPES replacing Jenny Schultz Jamie Znidarsich - Food Service Assistant DAMS replacing Lorie Ham Lori Herrick - Food Service Assistant EPES replacing Melissa Paul Corbin Hynes - Grounds/Maintenance District replacing Jim Byrd Leza Norris - Recess WES replacing Da’Jsha Riddle Kate Erickson - Health Room Assistant WES/Float replacing Amy Braun</p> <p>III. Other: Jenny Schultz - Recess EPES to Educational Assistant 4K EPES replacing Melissa Peterson Sarah Derlein - Special Education Asst Harvest to Health Room Assistant Harvest replacing Katya Kowalkowski</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer’s Report Paid: 208931-209030, 232401705-232401818, 202300403-202300579</p> <p>Sarr made a motion, Hahn seconded, to approve the Superintendent’s Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Press Verification The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Board Debrief</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Adjourn The Board of Education adjourned at 8:33 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Leonhart, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
	<p>DASD BOE President Signature:</p>

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