

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2022 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Welcome Reception - 5:30 PM</p> <p>The Board gathered for a welcome reception for newly elected Board members. No official Board of Education business was conducted.</p>
2.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the April 25, 2022 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>Eric Runez verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Oath of Office - Notary Public, Ann Stettbacher, issued the Oath of Office to newly elected Board members: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Gussie Lewis, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Absent was: Linda Leonhart . Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Rebecca Toetz, Kathy Davis, Sara Totten, Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger and Debbie Brewster.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Brian Coker recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.</p>
3.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Hahn, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved, with an amendment to remove item 9.C. from Consent Agenda, and move into Board Business, under 7.C.</p>
4.	<p>Announcements by the Chair</p> <p>The Board of Education may convene into Closed Session following the regular board meeting for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(e) & 19.82(1) (Negotiations with DeForest Area Educators Association (DAEA) update)</p>
5.	<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 Land Lab. In attendance were President Natalie Hensen, VP-Supporting Agriculture Sam Mell, VP-Building Communities Katelyn Meinholz, VP- Growing Leaders Savannah Treinen, Treasurer Joss Hoffman, Secretary Violet Lawrence, Parliamentarian</p>

	<p>Serena Wendt, Sentinel Kaiya Hegarty, and Reporter Dani Brandenburg. Also present were FFA Advisors Gwen Boettcher and agri-science teacher, Abbey Meffert. Sam Mell shared that the total net income for 2021 was \$12,794.50, with a 30% share to DASD of \$3,838.35 and the total FFA Land Lab portion is \$8,956.15. The DeForest chapter currently has 386 members and was recognized as a National 3-Star Chapter in 2021.</p>
6.	Public Input - None.
7.	<p>Board Business & possible Board action</p> <p>A. Presentation and possible approval of Board Policy R-4, Collaborative & Responsible Citizens Monitoring Report</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Student Services, Dr. Sara Totten, Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Program Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, Kate Dabetic, and College & Career Readiness Coordinator, Chris Smith, presented the monitoring report for Board Policy R-4, Collaborative & Responsible Citizens Monitoring Report. They presented the report as making reasonable progress with exceptions noted. Strengths included increased student survey scores with students identified as Free or Reduced lunch, two or more races, Hispanic, and ELL (English Language Learners). Opportunities for improvement included understanding decreased scores on the student survey for students that identified as Black/African American and Asian. An action plan was shared. that will include embedding SEL (Social Emotional Learning) competencies systemically.</p> <p>On a motion by Lovick, seconded by Coker, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept R-4, Collaborative & Responsible Citizens Board Policy Monitoring Report, as making reasonable progress, with noted exceptions, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Lewis, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve R-4, Collaborative & Responsible Citizens Board Policy Monitoring Report, as making reasonable progress, with noted exceptions, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>B. Review Officer Roles and process for Officer nominations in preparation for Reorganizational Meeting on May 9, 2022</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board discussed the roles and responsibilities of each officer role. A process was suggested for soliciting nominations in preparation for the Reorganizational Meeting.</p>
	<p>9.C. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding regarding funding and responsibility allocation between the Village of DeForest, Dane County, Wisconsin and the DeForest Area School District</p> <p>Per Agenda amendment the Board discussed this item outside of the Consent Agenda. Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips. The district is pursuing a bike path expansion grant with the Village of DeForest through the Transportation Alternatives Program. The expansion will help create better access for bike riders and</p>

	<p>walkers between the middle school and high school. The planned path system will also help increase access by adding a safe route to the south of the high school.</p> <p>A grant has been approved in the amount of \$351,000 and the District is working with the village to update the cost estimates regarding the local shared cost not covered by the grant. A portion of which is already planned within the referendum project scope. In order to proceed with the grant project the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has requested the Village and District to approve a Memo of Understanding regarding funding & responsibility allocation between the village and the district. Administration has reviewed the memorandum and is recommending approval.</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Lovick, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the memorandum of understanding regarding funding and responsibility allocation between the Village of DeForest, Dane County, Wisconsin and DASD with the understanding that the cost to the district would not exceed \$150,391.50. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
8.	<p>A. Board Orientation with legal counsel - Roles, Responsibilities, and Best Practices - Attorney, Mike Julka, Boardman & Clark, LLP</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Board legal counsel, Mike Julka, Boardman and Clark, LLP, provided an orientation and review for all Board members on the roles, responsibilities and best practices for Board members.</p>
9.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Accept Minutes - April 11, 2022 B. Summary statements for OE-10 & OE-11 Monitoring Reports C. Removed per/Agenda amendment - discussed in Board Business D. Approval of Certified Staff notice of contract renewals for 2022-2023 school year E. Approval of Dane County New Teacher Project shared service contract for 2022-2023 <p>Coker made a motion, Lovick seconded, to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
10.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Personnel Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Separations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adrienne Munz - Kindergarten Teacher EPES - resignation effective 4/20/2022 Kythie Boyd - Psychologist YES - resignation effective 6/3/2022 Breanna Moorad - Educational Assistant WES - resignation effective 6/3/2022 Shelby Rideout - DAMS Volleyball Coach Lauren Trentadue - DAMS Volleyball Coach Maggie Clarke - DAMS Volleyball Coach Joshua Holler - Special Education Teacher EPES - resignation effective 6/3/2022 Robin Edmiston - Music Teacher YES - resignation effective 6/3/2022 II. Leaves: None. III. Transfers: None. IV. Appointments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madelyn Markart - Special Education Teacher Harvest replacing Marissa Garvey Macen Justinger - Social Studies Teacher DAMS - replacing Laura Salopek Allison Wirth - ELA Teacher DAMS - new position

	<p>Kody Kellner - ESL Teacher Harvest - new position Rebecca Stolpa - Special Education Teacher Harvest - new position Brittney Plowe - Dean of Students Harvest - new position Amanda Wiley - Dean of Students Elementary - new position Kathy Williams - School and Community Relations Coordinator - replacing Debbie Brewster V. Reassignments: None. VI. Other: None.</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 205565-205647, 212201848-212201961, 202100825-202100831, 19176-19178</p> <p>Sarr made a motion, Lewis seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
11.	Community Engagement - The Board has received an updated calendar of events for May/June 2022. The Board is encouraged to volunteer for Reality Day on May 11. Coker and Berg engaged with High School students. Lewis attended the Online Safety meeting. Sarr attended movie night at Harvest.
12.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
13.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Hahn moved, Sarr seconded, to move into closed session at 9:13 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Coker, Esser, Hahn, Lewis, Lovick, Sarr, and Taylor. Naye – None. Absent – Leonhart..</p> <p>While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(e) & 19.82(1) (Negotiations with DeForest Area Educators Association (DAEA) update)</p>
13.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Lovick, seconded by Lewis, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 9:35 pm.</p>
14.	Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business
15.	Future Agenda Items
16.	Board Debrief
17.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 9:39 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Taylor, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>

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