

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 13, 2019 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the May 13, 2019 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:00 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: Gail Lovick and 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>Sue Esser recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission and Vision Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Miller, seconded by Coker, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Showcasing Schools</p> <p>A. Recognition of DAWN US Constitution Oratory Contest award recipients and performance by the winner, Cassidy Schnell</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Dennis O'Loughlin, President of DAWN (DeForest and Windsor Now), introduced four of the eight high school students who participated in the US Constitution Oratory Contest. DAWN members, Mike Esser, and Augie Munoz, were also present.</p> <p>Esser presented awards to Sam Fischer, Gabe Kennedy, Lauren Armstrong, and Cassidy Schnell. Unable to attend was Caitlin Durlin and Travis Nelson. The contest winner, Cassidy Schnell presented her winning speech. Esser also recognized and thanked Jan Williams, High School teacher who helps coordinate the contest.</p> <p>B. Recognition of Greg Vandehey - Olson-Grinde Post 348 American Legion Educator of the Year</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Joe Disch, Vice Commander of Olson-Grinde Post 348 presented the American Legion Educator of the Year to Middle School teacher, Greg Vandehey. Among many other accomplishments in his 24 years of teaching, Vandehey helped initiate the 8th-grade Oratorical Contest.</p> <p>C. Recognition of Brittany Brazzel - Progress Center for Black Women 2019 Collaborator of the Year</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> High School Social Studies teacher, Brittany Brazzel explained the</p>

Progress Center for Black Women award she received as a 2019 Collaborator of the Year. Brazzel has been a leader in the District, Dane County and the State in the areas of equity and social justice.

4. Board Business & possible Board action

A. Referendum Project Update

Discussion: School/Community Relations Coordinator, Debbie Brewster provided an overview of the design process, construction schedule and communication plan for the referendum projects. There will be a Board presentation by EUA (Eppstein Uhen Architects) at the end of June to share the process and to provide a schematic design for the Intermediate School. After each milestone of the project, they will continue to provide updates to the Board. She explained other plans for engaging staff, the community, students and municipalities. Finally, Eric Runez introduced Roy Bernards, current Windsor Elementary School Principal. Bernards has been selected to serve as the principal at the new Intermediate School.

B. Review of Referendum Financing Plan - Brian Brewer, Robert W. Baird

Discussion: Brian C. Brewer, Managing Director, Robert W. Baird was present to outline the financing plan that has been developed for the referendum projects. Brewer presented an interest rate update. He reported an almost 1% reduction in interest rates from original projections. Due to this reduction, the financial plan proposed will minimize total interest cost, minimize the interest rate risk, and maximize investment earnings. The proposal is projected to result in a lower mill rate increase than originally estimated for the projects, down from \$1.71 to \$1.60, resulting in a difference of over \$22,000,000 in savings.

C. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$90,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes

On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Statz, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$90,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$90,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Esser, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$90,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Recommendation for transition and closure of Morrisonville Elementary School

Discussion: Superintendent, Eric Runez spoke about the process for the eventual closure of Morrisonville Elementary School at the end of the 2020-2021 school year

once the Intermediate School opens. After meeting with parents and staff and considering their feedback, a decision was made to discontinue kindergarten after this school year and to assign the Morrisonville Elementary School's existing attendance boundaries to Yahara Elementary School.

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Statz, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve Administration's recommendation to close Morrisonville Elementary School by the end of the 2020-2021 school year and assign the Morrisonville Elementary School's existing attendance boundaries to Yahara Elementary School, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

F. Consider approval of OE-10 Learning Environment Monitoring Report

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Brunelle, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve OE-10, Learning Environment Monitoring Report, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Summary Statement: The Board recommends considering other ways beyond receipt of student handbook to measure understanding of disciplinary processes and procedures, or consider a change to related indicators. It is noted that this is only the second year of reporting data and more time may be needed to monitor the trend data. The administration will provide more detail to the Board on employee misconduct handled through the Human Resources Department. The Board suggests adding an indicator that addresses data security. The Board asks that a key to identify acronyms will be helpful. More information is sought on the action plan related to equitable practices in the district. This monitoring report may be better reported on in the fall for the previous school year. At an upcoming Board retreat in July or September the Administration will present recommendations for indicator revisions for this and other Board policies.

5. Public Input - None.

6. Board Consent Agenda

A. Accept Minutes - April 22, 2019 & April 29, 2019

Coker made a motion, Tenpas seconded, to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

7. Superintendent Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Recommendations

I. Separations:

Dan Hornickel - Head Custodian DMS - retirement effective 7/5/2019

Mark Giovanni - Head Custodian WES - retirement effective 7/5/2019

Lisa Hankins - Educational Assistant DHS - termination effective 4/23/2019

Elizabeth Legler - Psychologist DMS - resignation effective 6/19/2019

Michelle Forsythe - Speech & Language Pathologist DMS - resignation effective 6/12/2019

Dana Ringhand - 2nd Grade Teacher WES - resignation effective 4/26/2019

II. Leaves:None

III. Transfers:None

IV. Appointments:

Meghan Caulfield - English Teacher DHS - replacing Jan Williams
 Jistine Angelini - CC Teacher DMS - new position
 Joseph Koss - Alternative Education Teacher DHS - replacing Brittany Brazzel
 Cameron Dziubinski - CC Teacher DHS - replacing Andrea Lupo
 Cassidy Crevcoure - Physical Education Teacher YES- new position
 J Brendon Plowe - Physical Education Teacher WES- replacing Donna Meske
 James Madorin - Physical Education Teacher EPES - new position & .5 Jessica
 Ceplina Adaptive Phy Ed
 Tamra Bickel - Music Teacher DMS - replacing Michael Bjork
 Justina Busch - Alternative Education Teacher DHS - replacing Jeff Tiedke

V. Reassignments:

Brittany Brazzel - Alternative Education Teacher DHS to Social Studies Teacher
 DHS - replacing Kristin Pachal
 Roy Bernards - Principal WES to Principal DeForest Intermediate School - new
 position
 Rebecca Hunter - K/1 Teacher MES to Reading Teacher EPES - replacing Sharon
 Ganster
 Kathy Williams - Reading Specialist YES to Elementary Instructional Coach YES -
 new position
 Heather Terrill-Stotts - 2nd Grade Teacher WES to Elementary Instructional Coach
 WES - new position
 Sharon Ganster - Reading Specialist EPES to Elementary Instructional Coach EPES
 - new position
 Holli Reckin - Spanish Teacher DHS to Instructional Coach DHS - new position
 Anthony Johnson - Math Teacher DHS to Instructional Coach DMS - new position
 Jordann Starr - Kindergarten Teacher EPES to 2nd Grade Teacher EPES - replacing
 Kim Halverson

VI. Other: None

B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report

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Esser made a motion, Brunelle seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent
 Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

8. Linkages - Esser and Statz attended the Board Coherent Governance workshop on Friday,
 May 10. Miller thanked the Windsor custodial staff for their work during a sporting event
 hosted at Windsor this past weekend. The Board sponsored Retirement Reception will be
 held on May 20 at the High School, in the Little Theater from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

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

10. Board Workshop
 A. Board Orientation with legal counsel - Roles, Responsibilities and Best Practice -
 Attorney, Mike Julka, Boardman & Clark, LLP

Discussion: 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. He also highlighted the Board's Governance Culture
 policies.

11.	Board Debrief
12.	Adjourn The Board of Education adjourned at 8:57 pm on a motion by Statz, seconded by Esser, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
	DASD BOE President Signature:
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