

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 23, 2022 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Gail Lovick called the May 23, 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>Rebecca Toetz verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, and Stephanie Sarr. Absent was: Megan Taylor. 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>Gussie Lewis 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 Hahn, seconded by Sarr, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Announcements by the Chair</p> <p>The Board of Education may convene into Closed Session 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>
4.	<p>Showcasing Schools</p> <p>A. Presentation by the student Robotics Team</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Angela Flickinger-Pierce, Digital Technology Teacher, was present with members of the Robotics club to showcase the achievements of the club. Students from Harvest Intermediate School and the DeForest Area Middle School are involved, for a total of 102 students in grades 4-8. Students shared their experiences and demonstrated some of the robots they created.</p>
5.	<p>Public Input - None.</p>
6.	<p>Board Education</p> <p>A. Update on BELE (Building Equitable Learning Environments) Network & partnership with the National Equity Project (R-3)</p>

Discussion: Dr. Sara Totten, Director of Student Services, introduced members of the Building Equitable Learning Environments Team (BELE), High School Teacher, Amy Jambour, Instructional Coach, Sharon Ganster, Kindergarten Teacher, Jessica Martins, and student, Bella Gaona. They provided information on district data, student experiences, and initiatives at each level. Gaona shared her experiences as a student representative on the BELE team. Moving forward the goal is to increase student voice, and embed equity into our school culture and climate district-wide.

B. Food Service Update (OE-5)

Discussion: Food Services Supervisor, Becky Terry, provided an update on the Food Service program. She explained federal and state funding and reimbursement, and meal participation. The estimate is that there will be over \$180,000 less in funding next year as the funding for Covid relief will not continue, this and food price increases results in a recommendation to increase meal prices by .10 for each meal.

7. Board Consent Agenda
- A. Accept Minutes - May 9, 2022
 - B. Approval of School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum of Understanding

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

8. Superintendent Consent Agenda
- A. Personnel Recommendations
 - I. Separations:
 - Kaelan Mangold - Custodian Harvest - resignation effective 5/18/2022
 - Dave Craig - Custodian DAHS - separation effective 4/29/2022
 - Lindsay Fecht - Psychologist DAMS - resignation effective 6/3/2022
 - Matt Chrisler - Health/Phy Ed Teacher DAHS - resignation effective 6/3/2022
 - Tammy Braun - Food & Nutrition Production Coordinator DO - retirement effective 6/30/2022
 - II. Leaves: None.
 - III. Transfers:
 - Christopher Holly - Music Teacher Harvest to Music Teacher YES/WES - replacing Robin Edmiston
 - IV. Appointments:
 - Rachael Smits - Psychologist YES - replacing Kythie Boyd
 - Joshua Schmidt - Music Teacher Harvest/DAMS - replacing Melissa Richardson
 - Karli Roessler - Special Education Teacher DAMS - new position
 - Nejdet Isufi - Dean of Students DAHS - new position
 - Brittany Byrnes - Physical Education Teacher WES/YES - new position
 - Jordan Barth - 6th Grade Teacher Harvest - new position
 - Olivia Gardow - Special Education Teacher WES - new position
 - Ami Schmidt - Instructional Coach YES - replacing Kathy Williams
 - V. Reassignments:
 - Hailey Pedersen - .5 FTE Speech & Language EPES to 1.0 Speech & Language - replacing .5 FTE Linnea Bertram
 - VI. Other: Cale Zuiker - rescinded offer of Associate Principal DAMS

	<p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 205750-205816, 212202043-212202164, 202100924-202100930, 19180-19181</p> <p>C. Approve proposed school meal price increase</p> <p>D. Approval of Neola District Policy updates</p> <p>Sarr made a motion, Leonhart seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
9.	<p>Community Engagement -</p> <p>A. Update on Board of Education Communication Plan - Berg & Coker met with members of the Senior Center, as part of the Board's Communication plan and linkage with stakeholders.</p> <p>B. Review upcoming critical Board engagement opportunities Graduation is on June 4, 2022, and Dane County Equity Consortium Training is on June 15, 2022.</p>
10.	Future Agenda Items
11.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
12.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Berg moved, Lewis seconded, to move into closed session at 7:33 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Coker, Hahn, Leonhart, Lewis, Lovick, and Sarr. Naye – None. Absent – Taylor. Esser left the meeting before the discussion started.</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 Hahn, seconded by Coker, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 8:26 pm.</p>
14.	Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business
16.	Board Debrief
17.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:30 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Lewis and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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