

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 24, 2021 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the May 24, 2021 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:12 p.m in the STEAM area of the DeForest Area High School.</p> <p>Eric Runez verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Keri Brunelle, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Gail Lovick, Jeff Miller, and Spencer Statz. Steve Tenpas participated remotely. Linda Leonhart arrived at 6:17 pm. Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Rebecca Toetz, Kathy Davis, Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger and Debbie Brewster.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Jeff Hahn 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 Brunelle, seconded by Hahn, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Public Input - Megan Taylor &amp; Kari Livingston appeared to comment on the face covering mandate and policy. Several emails regarding face masks were read. An email regarding traffic conditions near Windsor Elementary School was read from Jill Bier.</p>
4.	<p>Board Business &amp; possible Board action</p> <p>A. Review and consider approval to join mass action lawsuit against vaping manufacturers - Attorney, Lori Lubinsky, Axley Brynelson, LLP</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Attorney, Lori Lubinsky, Axley Brynelson, LLP reported on a mass action lawsuit against vaping manufacturers that is being sought by over 450 school districts throughout the country.</p> <p>On a motion by Brunelle, seconded by Tenpas, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to join the mass action lawsuit against vaping manufacturers, as presented by Attorney Lori Lubinsky, Axley Brynelson, LLP. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>B. Consider approval of Instructional Hours Waiver</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Superintendent, Dr. Eric Runez explained that the District has been working with the Department of Public Instruction on accountability around instructional hours. In the event guidance on asynchronous instruction were to change, it is in the District's best interest to apply for the waiver.</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Lovick, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve District application for an Instructional Hours Waiver to the Department of Public Instruction. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>C. Discussion and possible action on DeForest Face Covering policy</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Runez explained suggested revisions to the DeForest Face Covering policy. Dr. David Ringdahl, member of the District's Medical Advisory Team, was present to provide clarification on guidance from CDC regarding face coverings. The recommendation is to continue masking until June 4, as well as requiring masks during summer school programming until June 30. After June 30 the district would continue requiring face covering for grades K-8 during summer school, as these students do not have access to vaccinations. Administration would then have the authority to modify the groups or circumstances in which a Face Covering shall be required. Any such modifications shall take into account medical information and recommendations from CDC, DHS and PHMDC, as well as</p>

	<p>the District's medical advisory team.</p> <p>On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Coker, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve revisions to the DeForest Face Covering policy, as presented. The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Berg, Brunelle, Coker, Esser, Leonhart, and Tenpas. Nays: Hahn, Lovick, and Miller.</p> <p>D. 2021-2022 School Year Planning Update</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Instructional Services, Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Director of Business &amp; Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, and Director of Administrative Services, Dr. Pete Wilson presented information on ESSER funds and 2021-2022 School Year planning. Areas of focus for ESSER funds will be learning and culture. Mitigation strategies, in person enhancement of learning, and social emotional learning were discussed. Virtual learning programming, summer school, and next steps were also explained.</p> <p>E. Presentation and possible approval of preliminary 2021-2022 District budget parameters</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Business &amp; Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips presented the preliminary 2021-2022 District budget parameters. She explained operating assumptions for next year, the State biennium budget, revenue &amp; expenditure assumptions, and next steps. Davis-Phillips also addressed capacity building items with financial impacts that were identified in 2020-2021 monitoring reports.</p> <p>On a motion by Lovick, seconded by Brunelle, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the preliminary 2021-2022 District budget parameters. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>F. Consider reconvening Board Communication Committee</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board seeks to improve linkages and Board communication with the community and therefore would like to reconvene the committee. The Board was in consensus to reconvene. Coker, Lovick, Hahn, Leonhart and will comprise the committee.</p> <p>On a motion by Lovick, seconded by Hahn, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to reconvene the Board Communication Committee, with Coker, Lovick, Hahn, and Leonhart comprising the committee. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
5.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - May 10, 2021 &amp; May 17, 2021</p> <p>B. Approval of DASD Employee Handbook Revisions - 2021-2022 School Year</p> <p>Miller made a motion, Esser seconded, to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote, with Esser abstaining.</p>
6.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p>I. Separations: Erin Sonleitner - Second Grade Teacher, WES - resignation effective 6/7/2021 Julie Maiers - Educational Assistant, WES - resignation effective 6/7/2021 Amanda Murphy - Educational Assistant, YES - resignation effective 6/7/2021</p> <p>II. Leaves: None</p> <p>III. Transfers: None</p> <p>IV. Appointments: Meghan Mack - Special Education Teacher, YES replacing Renee Jenkins Kelsey Gabriel - Occupational Therapist, Harvest - new position Savanah Sipek - Summer School Teacher Abigail Marish - 7th Grade Math Teacher, DAMS - new position Nicole Novak - Special Education Teacher, WES - replacing Dana Swanson Jennifer Rathsack - Speech &amp; Language, Harvest/DAMS - new position Tobiah Heidke - 7th Grade ELA Teacher, DAMS - new position</p> <p>V. Reassignments: None</p> <p>VI. Other: None</p>

	<p>Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 203848-203919, 202101185-202101316, 202000658-202000664, 19094-19097</p> <p>Brunelle made a motion, Coker seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
7.	Linkages - Esser attended Coherent Governance training and Social Emotional Learning training with Aspen Group.
8.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
9.	Board Debrief - Coker will track time spent on agenda items, with the focus on spending more time on student achievement. Anyone interested in agenda planning should contact Coker.
10.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:44 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Coker, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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