

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Retreat Minutes,  
Monday, June 6, 2022 – 5:30 pm**

**1. Convene**

Board President, Gail Lovick, called the June 6, 2022 Board Retreat to order at 5:30 pm. Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Gussie Lewis arrived at 5:55 pm. Absent was Linda Leonhart. Others present were: Kathy Williams, Debbie Brewster, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Rebecca Toetz, and Eric Runez.

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

A. 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)

**3. Retreat Agenda**

**A. Presentation of District Safety Plan (OE-12)**

Superintendent, Eric Runez, and Director of Administrative Services, Pete Wilson presented an overview of the District's Safety Plan per the requirement of Act 143.

**B. Review feedback from stakeholder linkages and discuss potential next steps (GC-3, GC-3E)**

School/Community Relations Coordinator, Debbie Brewster facilitated a review of the feedback from stakeholder linkages with Board members. Board members conducted an activity that aligned Framework themes from the community, with the feedback that was received from this past year's stakeholder linkages.

**C. Debrief Coherent Governance Retreat, specifically discuss meeting structures, and the Board Annual Work Plan (GC2, GC-6)**

The Board discussed the Coherent Governance Retreat. Board consensus is to move to one Regular Board meeting on the second Monday of each month, and one Work Session on the fourth Monday of each month. The Board will develop an Annual Work Plan that will be approved at the June 27, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

Sue Esser left the meeting prior to the start of the closed session.

**4. Convene into Closed Session**

On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Berg, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to convene into closed session at 8:12 pm. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote, with Leonhart & Esser absent.

**5. Reconvene into Open Session**

On a motion by Berg, seconded by Lewis, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to reconvene into open session. The motion passed with a unanimous show of hands, with Leonhart & Esser absent. While in closed session the Board received an update on negotiations with DAEA.

**6. Adjourn**

On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Sarr, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:58 pm.