

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 22, 2020 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the June 22, 2020 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 physically in the Boardroom: Jan Berg and Sue Esser. Board Members present via remote access: Keri Brunelle, Brian Coker, Gail Lovick, Linda Leonhart, and Steve Tenpas. Absent was: Jeff Miller. Spencer Statz arrived at 6:20 pm . Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Rebecca Toetz, Kathy Davis, Sara Totten, Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger and Debbie Brewster.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Lovick, seconded by Brunelle, 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) and for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved WI Statute 19.85 (1)(g) {referendum projects permitting and assessment fees} and for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c), {Superintendent evaluation}</p>
4.	<p>Public Input</p> <p>A. Public Input</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board has received emails from Abigail Lowery and Melissa Sias regarding SRO officers in the schools. The Board has also received an email from Bambi Dolphin regarding the return to school in the fall and precautions that may be in place due to concern about Covid-19.</p>
5.	<p>Board Business &amp; possible Board action</p> <p>A. Referendum Project Update</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> John Rauwolf, District Owner Advocate for the referendum projects was present to provide updates on the construction. He shared photos of the Harvest</p>

Intermediate School, High School, and Middle School/District Office projects. High School and Harvest Intermediate School projects are anticipated to be finished on time. The roof project at the Middle School is moving along ahead of schedule. Rauwolf will continue to provide updates as construction continues.

B. Presentation and possible approval of OE-10 Learning Environment Board Policy Monitoring Report

Discussion: Director of Administrative Services, Pete Wilson, Director of Instructional Services, Rebecca Toetz, Director of Human Resource Services, Nate Jaeger, and Director of Student Services, Sara Totten, presented the monitoring report for Board policy, OE-10 Learning Environment. The report was presented as In Compliance, with noted exception on item 10.2, Indicator 3 . One component of the proposed action plan focuses on equity to address disproportionality. PBIS and Restorative Justice will focus on engagement and relationship building.

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

On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Leonhart, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve OE-10, Learning Environment Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented, In Compliance, with noted exception. The vote passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

*Summary Statement: The Board is interested in the timing of this report and would appreciate a review of the Annual Work calendar to potentially provide this report earlier in the school year. The Board appreciates the honestly reflected in the report, particularly showing non-compliance and disproportionality in the percentage of suspension of black students, students receiving special educational services, and students in poverty. The Board supports participation in a regional collaboration facilitated by the National Equity Project as one of the means to address this area of non-compliance, as well as offering valuable professional development opportunities for staff. The Board is willing to allocate funds from the Board budget to fund this initiative. More information is requested about the use of SRO Officers in the District and discussion will be held at a future meeting.*

C. Review Board Policy, OE-10 Learning Environment

Discussion: Esser suggested tabling the policy review for more discussion at a Board retreat.

D. Presentation and possible approval of preliminary 2020-2021 District budget draft in preparation for the Annual mtg and Budget Hearing on July 27, 2020

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis provided a preliminary 2020-2021 District budget draft in preparation for the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on July 27, 2020. The budget was constructed based on the information the District has to-date in regards to COVID-19 and public school funding that is currently in law. Changes in state funding and/or the ability to operate under any changes in the COVID-19 situation, may alter the proposed budget.

	<p>The tax levy increase for 2020-21 is estimated at \$3,152,935 over the 2019-20 school year. The mill rate is anticipated to be \$12.39/\$1,000 an increase of \$.74/\$1,000 over the 2019-20 fiscal year. This rate is anticipated to change depending on any legislative budgetary changes due to Covid-19 and finalization of property values and state aids. Equalized Value is estimated at a 3% increase.</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Esser, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the preliminary 2020-2021 District budget draft in preparation for the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on July 27, 2020. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>E. Discuss June 29, 2020 Board of Education Retreat</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board of Education retreat will begin at 5:30 pm.</p>
6.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - June 8, 2020</p> <p>B. Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) plan document adjustments</p> <p>Leonhart made a motion, Coker seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations:</p> <p>I. Separations:</p> <p>Ashley Brettschneider - Kindergarten Teacher YES - resignation effective 6/10/2020</p> <p>II. Leaves: None.</p> <p>III. Transfers: None.</p> <p>IV. Appointments: None.</p> <p>V. Reassignments:</p> <p>Amanda Wagner - .5 Speech &amp; Language Pathologist DAHS to 1.0 Speech &amp; Language DAHS &amp; DAMS (.5 new position)</p> <p>VI. Other: None.</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Paid: 202583-202613, 192002111-192002172, 2019935-201900946, 19051-19053</p> <p>Brunelle made a motion, Esser seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.</p>
8.	<p>Linkages - Coker attended the CESA 2 Annual meeting, as well as the Racial Justice March in DeForest.</p>
9.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
10.	<p>Future Agenda Items</p>

11.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Coker moved, Statz seconded, to move into closed session at 7:46pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Coker, Esser, Statz, Leonhart, Lovick, Tenpas, and Brunelle. Naye – None. Absent – Miller.</p> <p>While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c).[Superintendent annual contractual evaluation] and WI Statute 19.85 (1)(g) [referendum projects permitting and assessment fees]</p>
12.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Brunelle, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 8:26 pm.</p>
13.	<p>Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business</p> <p>None.</p>
14.	Board Debrief
15.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:28 pm on a motion by Lovick, seconded by Statz, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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