

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 22, 2024 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Gail Lovick called the July 22, 2024 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>Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Gussie Lewis arrived at 6:03 pm. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger and Kathy Williams.</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>A. Approve Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Taylor, seconded by Coker, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Announcements by the Chair</p> <p>The Board may convene into Closed Session 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>Board Education on Public School Funding</p> <p>A. Board education and discussion of future District funding, and preparation for August 12, 2024 vote on potential referendum for November 2024</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Business and Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Director of Human Resources, Nate Jaeger, and District Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz, presented information related to future District funding. The Board received answers to questions and requests for information. They discussed a potential recurring referendum for November 2024, in the range of \$7.3 million to \$7.9 million, meant to retain staff, support instructional programming, and maintain facilities and infrastructure.</p> <p>B. Board education from legal counsel, Chad Wade, Renning, Lewis, and Lacy, on Board roles and responsibilities during a referendum and next steps</p>

	<p><u>Discussion:</u> District legal counsel, Chad Wade, Renning, Lewis, and Lacy, spoke to the Board about roles and responsibilities of Board members during a referendum. He explained a potential timeline for a November election, and also explained what is permitted and not permitted in relation to referendum advocacy.</p>
5.	<p>Board Business & possible Board action</p> <p>A. Consider and approve elementary school assignment to new subdivision</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board considered the elementary school assignment for a subdivision that is in development in the southern part of the school district. There are currently no elementary students living in that area (there are 6 existing houses, but no students). The subdivision is currently assigned to Windsor Elementary and a proactive step administration is recommending, for growth, is to reassign that subdivision to Yahara Elementary School. The prediction is that it will impact 15-20 K-4 students after it is fully developed. This will help in managing the predicted enrollment growth.</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Hahn, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the elementary school assignment to a new subdivision, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>B. Discussion on Board of Education professional development opportunities for 2024-2025</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board discussed potential professional development opportunities for 2024-2025 based on Board priorities that were developed at a Board retreat in April. The Board discussed topics for further Board learning.</p>
6.	Public Input - None.
7.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Accept Minutes - July 8, 2024 B. Approve Summary Statements for OE-8 & OE-12 Board Policy Monitoring Reports C. Approval of interpretations and indicator revisions for R-3 & R-4 Board Policy Monitoring Reports D. Approval of 2024-2025 Annual CESA 2 Contract E. Approval of revisions to federal civil rights law, Title IX, Nondiscrimination Policy <p>Berg made a motion, Lewis seconded, to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
8.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Personnel Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Staff Recommendations for Board Approval I. Separations: None II. Appointments: Allison Landwehr- Math Teacher DAHS- replacing Dannelle Gartmann Anna Toxen- Special Education Teacher DAHS- new position Hannah Schneeman- German Teacher DAHS/DAMS- replacing Lisa Aldrich

	<p>III. Other: Nejdet Isufi- Application for One-Year Administrator License- Associate Principal DAHS Andrea Chiles- School Nurse DAHS/DAMS to .8 FTE School Nurse DAHS/DAMS</p> <p>Other Administrative Actions</p> <p>I. Separations: Patrick Ludwig- Custodian DAMS- termination effective 7/12/2024 Camilla Brockman- Head Cook Harvest- resignation effective 7/17/2024 Cynthia Keyes- Custodian Harvest- retirement effective 7/31/2024</p> <p>II. Appointments: Emily Meadowcroft- Health Room Assistant DAHS/DAMS- replacing Demetrius Wade Christine Vroman- Recess Harvest- replacing Cristin Colvin</p> <p>III. Other: Corbin Hynes- Grounds/Maintenance DAHS to Maintenance Mechanic DAHS- replacing Jim Byrd</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 209647-209726, 242500001 - 242500094, 202400001 - 202400011</p> <p>Hahn made a motion, Sarr seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
9.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>No member of the press was present at this time. Attended earlier.</p>
10.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Berg moved, Leonhart seconded, to move into closed session at 7:36 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Coker, Esser, Hahn, Leonhart, Lewis, Lovick, Sarr, and Taylor. Naye – None. Absent – None.</p> <p>While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c).[Superintendent evaluation]</p>
11.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Leonhart, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 7:55 pm.</p>
12.	<p>Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business - None.</p>
13.	<p>Board Debrief</p>
14.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Sarr, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
	<p>DASD BOE President Signature:</p>
	<p>Date:</p>