

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 26, 2021 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>Vice President Gail Lovick called the July 26, 2021 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: Keri Brunelle, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Gail Lovick, and Linda Leonhart. Absent were: Jan Berg and Jeff Miller. Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Kathy Davis, Sara Totten (remote), Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger and Debbie Brewster (remote).</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Keri Brunelle 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 Leonhart, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Public Input - Email read by Gail Lovick from Naomi Bernstein regarding masking for the upcoming school year.</p>
4.	<p>Board Education</p> <p>A. Introduction of Aquatics Coordinator, Kathryn Jenkins</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Athletic Director, Rick Henert introduced the new Aquatics Coordinator, Kathryn Jenkins. They spoke about pool memberships, punch passes, and the upcoming programs that will be offered including swimming lessons and water exercise classes. Lifeguards will be needed for the new pool, and training will be provided in the near future.</p> <p>B. Review of Pool and Facilities Fees</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Henert and Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips explained the updated facility use document, including updated pool and facilities fees. The updates show fixed costs to streamline the process and offer competitive and reasonable prices.</p> <p>C. Update on Fall Sports and Activities</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Henert provided an overview of fall sports and activities. A new optional</p>

online ticketing platform will be offered to families this year. DASD will be following WIAA guidance regarding masking.

5. Board Business & possible Board action

A. Construction Update

Discussion: John Rauwolf, District Owner Advocate provided a construction update for the referendum projects and shared updated photos of the construction projects at the High School, Middle School, Yahara Elementary, and Harvest Intermediate School.

B. Solar Project Update and possible approval

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips presented an option to install district owned solar panels at both Harvest and the high school. Previously the district was pursuing the possibility of renting the roof space on both Harvest and the high school to Alliant Energy. In the interest of maximizing the energy savings, the district proceeded with an RFP for district owned/installed solar panels. After comparing the potential revenue from the lease versus the long term energy savings of district owned solar panels, administration felt it was more cost-effective to own the panels. Owning the solar panels also will allow the buildings to actually use the power generated versus sending the power to the grid. If Board approved, administration would like to proceed with the successful bidder, Faith Technologies. The estimated cost for panels and installation are: Harvest \$552K, DAHS \$217K. Findorff has reviewed the project budgets and confirmed that these amounts can fit within the current budget.

In a motion by Coker, seconded by Brunelle, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve moving forward with the purchasing of solar panels from Faith Technologies for Harvest Intermediate School, and the DeForest Area High School, to be included in the current construction budget, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Follow up on School Resource Officer discussion and next steps - DeForest Police Officer Andrew Freeman, and Lieutenant Bob Berg

Discussion: Director of Administrative Services, Dr. Pete Wilson, introduced DeForest Police Officer Andrew Freeman, and Lieutenant Bob Berg who were present to provide information about plans for the School Resource Officer (SRO) position and next steps moving forward into the new school year. They explained the core functions of the SRO position in the schools which include building early positive relationships with students and families, providing resources and serving as a liaison between student home and community life, providing partnerships and collaboration, and crisis response, as needed.

D. Presentation and possible approval of preliminary 2021-2022 District budget draft in preparation for the Annual mtg and Budget Hearing on August 23, 2021

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis provided a preliminary 2021-2022 District budget draft in preparation for the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on August 23, 2021. The tax levy for 2021-22 is estimated at \$33,703,694 which is a decrease of \$800,210 over the 2020-21 tax levy. Equalized Value is estimated at a conservative 2.84% increase and the mill rate estimate is \$11.04 / \$1,000 value home, a significant decrease of \$.59/\$1,000 from 2020-21. This rate is anticipated to change depending on the finalization of the equalized values and general state aid allocations. Davis-Phillips also provided information on revenue, expenditures, capital projects, operational expectations and results policies capacity building, as well as next steps.

On a motion by Brunelle, seconded by Hahn, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the preliminary 2021-22 District budget draft in preparation for the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on August 23, 2021. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

- E. Planning for Board Information Session for interested Board Applicants on August 9, 2021

Discussion: Board Governance Officer, Brian Coker, and Board member Sue Essser, explained an outline that can be used to present information at the Board session for interested Board Applicants, seeking the Windsor seat that was vacated by the resignation of Steve Tenpas. The information session is planned for 5:30 pm on Monday, August 9, 2021 (regular meeting starting by 6:15 pm). The Board will conduct interviews for all applicants on August 30, 2021.

6 Board Consent Agenda

- A. Accept Minutes - Accept Minutes - June 7, 2021 & July 12, 2021
- B. Approve revisions to Board Policy BP-1 Filling Board Vacancies

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

7. Superintendent Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Recommendations
 - I. Separations:
Meghan Meloy - Bilingual Educational Assistant DAMS - resignation effective 7/12/2021
 - II. Leaves:
None
 - III. Transfers:
None
 - IV. Appointments:
Sarah Derlein - Educational Assistant DAMS replacing Jodi Garnell
Delaney Smith - Educational Assistant DAMS replacing Rick Schade
Erin Scalissi - Educational Assistant EPES replacing Shelley Bradshaw/Adele Cynkar
Amanda Trumbower - Reading Specialist DAHS/Harvest replacing Amie Brickl
Rachel Debower - Educational Assistant DAMS replacing Hannah Moodie

	<p>Shannon Dentice - One Year Psychologist DAHS/Harvest .6 FTE - new position Leokadia Dexter - English Teacher DAHS - replacing Meghan Caulfield V. Reassignments: None. VI. Other: None.</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 204286-204344, 212200003-212100069, 202100001-202100029, 19106-19109</p> <p>Brunelle made a motion, Leonhart seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
8.	<p>Linkages A. Establish linkage plan for Board members</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board discussed a planning document and commitments to conduct linkages with various groups of interest. Berg and Esser attended a coherent governance share in Baraboo.</p>
9.	<p>Press Verification The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
10.	<p>Future Agenda Items - PBIS presentation (Pete Wilson)</p>
11.	<p>Board Debrief</p>
12.	<p>Adjourn The Board of Education adjourned at 8:47 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Coker, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
	<p>DASD BOE President Signature:</p>
	<p>Date:</p>