

**July 27, 2020 DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 27, 2020 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the July 27, 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: Jan Berg, Keri Brunelle, Sue Esser, Gail Lovick, Linda Leonhart, and Jeff Miller. Board members participating via remote access were: Steve Tenpas, Brian Coker, and Spencer Statz. Absent were: . Also present was administrators Eric Runez. Participating via remote access were 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 Brunelle, seconded by Tenpas, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Board Business & possible Board action</p> <p>A. Construction and Facilities Update</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> John Rauwolf, District Owner Advocate for the referendum projects shared updated photos of the construction projects, as well as some facility and capital maintenance projects. He shared photos of the High School Project, Middle School roof project (which is almost completed), and the Harvest Intermediate School construction update.</p> <p>B. Consider approval of reduction in list price for the Morrisonville Elementary School property</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Per Realtor, Mary Schultz the recommendation is to reduce the price of Morrisonville Elementary School to \$299,900 to be more aligned with other listings in the area for similar properties. The original list price was \$325,000. For example, Arlington Grade School is listing at \$199,900 in Columbia County. Schultz believes we have exhausted the original set of buyers in the initial price range.</p> <p>On a motion by Esser, seconded by Statz, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the reduction in list price for the Morrisonville Elementary School property to \$299,900. The motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>C. Consider Board Policy GC-1 Board Purpose revision to address equity in the District</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board reviewed the suggested changes to Board Policy GC-1 Board</p>

Purpose to address equity.

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Tenpas, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the revisions to Board Policy GC-1, Board Purpose to address equity in the District, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

D. Consider date for rescheduling of DASD 2020-2021 Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing

Discussion: Legal counsel has shared that governmental meetings are excluded from the public health guidelines on limits for gatherings, so the District would have the ability to hold the Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing in a space that could provide social distancing..

On a motion by Brunelle, seconded by Tenpas, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to reschedule the DASD 2020-2021 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing to August 31, 2020 at the Performing Arts Center at the DeForest Area High School. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

E. Consider recommendation for 2020-2021 Return to School Plan

Discussion: - Superintendent, Eric Runez explained the proposed Return to School Plan for 2020-2021 school year. He explained the goals, what's been done so far, and the work teams that worked to develop the plan. Each work team formed subgroups for specific tasks. The three work teams were the Teaching & Learning Team, the Operations Team, and the Supports and Culture Team.

Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Director of Instruction and Curriculum, presented the two instructional models being considered for the fall. Families will have the option to choose either the Group 1 Virtual Learning Only model, or the Group 2 In-Person/Hybrid/Virtual Model which is intended to be fluid and feature a virtual, hybrid, or in-person model depending on public health guidelines and stakeholder input. The virtual piece of the Group 2 model is different from what was offered in spring and will provide more robust instruction and assessment. When the Public Health guidelines allow for it, the hope is to phase in small groups of students with educational plans (IEP, English Language Learners, etc) later in September. The District would also consider phasing in other groups of students sometime during the first quarter in coordination with Public Health guidance, which is anticipated to be updated in the next few weeks.

Teaching & Learning work team member and instructional coach, Heather Terrill-Stotts explained what blended learning involves and how that would be incorporated in the elementary schedule; middle school teacher, Joe Parker explained the proposed schedule at the middle level; and Amy Jambour, high school teacher explained the high school block schedule. Toetz shared a potential virtual schedule draft which would require synchronous teaching time with students four out of five days of the week. One day would be used for staff to have time with professional learning communities, planning, and individual check in time with students. Staff will deliver instruction from their classrooms, providing consistency and access to reliable connectivity, technology, and resources.

Director of Student Services, Dr. Sara Totten and Director of Human Resources, Nate Jaeger, lead the Supports and Culture Team. They explained planning for social emotional learning for all students and staff. Students will be provided a universal screener to provide additional social/emotional support as needed. Totten explained that curriculum changes will focus on race and social justice lessons, as well as relationship building. Staff will be provided multiple means of support for wellness and social emotional health, as well. Guidelines and best practices for virtual and hybrid special education delivery is being planned with a hope for a phased in approach to provide some services in-person for students with disabilities. Resources for families are being compiled and will be shared.

School/Community Relations Coordinator, Debbie Brewster, and Jaeger presented the results and common themes of the staff and family surveys. Jaeger presented the staff survey results which show that 52% of staff prefer returning to work in a virtual model, while 22% prefer the hybrid model, and 24% believe that either option is reasonable. Brewster shared the results of the family survey, with a 75% response rate. The findings show that 72% of parents prefer the Group 2 option which includes the hybrid, virtual, or in-person models, while 28% prefer Group 1, the virtual only path.

Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, and Director of Administrative Services, Dr. Pete Wilson shared information from the Operations work team, including strategies for healthy buildings, and procedures and protocols to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 by staff and students. Face coverings will be required for all staff and students, unless there is a medical reason someone can not wear a mask. Plans are being made for limiting exposures, enhancing cleaning and disinfection protocols, modifying physical spaces, and allocating resources. Additionally, work is being done with Kobussen bus company to identify safe protocols for bus riding, to consider additional routes, and to reduce the number of riders with the assistance of parents/guardians providing transportation, if possible.

Rick Henert, Athletic Director provided an update on athletic and co-curricular activities. The Badger Conference includes seven counties, with Dane County having the most restrictions on health guidelines. The goal is to continue to build connections with students and provide options for athletes. WIAA has delayed fall sports, but at this point Dane County health guidelines would prohibit the District from providing fall sports until guidance from Public Health changes.

Superintendent Runez presented the Administration's recommendation that the district begin in a virtual model, with the intent to phase in specific small groups of students with educational plans (IEP, English Language Learners, etc) later in September. The District would also consider phasing in other groups of students sometime during the first quarter in coordination with Public Health guidance, which is anticipated to be updated in the next few weeks. At registration beginning on August 3, families will have the option to choose either the Group 1 or Group 2 model, and the recommendation is that families who choose Group 2 must be prepared for all 3 instructional models.

On a motion by Brunelle, seconded by Lovick, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the DASD 2020-2021 Return to School Plan, as

	presented by Administration, and supported Administration's recommendation to begin the school year in a virtual instructional model. The Board directs Administration to implement changes to the plan based on Public Health data and guidance as it becomes available. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
4.	Public Input - The DeForest Area Education Association (DAEA) provided a statement video on the Return to School Plan.
5.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - July 13, 2020</p> <p>Tenpas made a motion, Coker seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
6.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p>I. Separations:</p> <p>Kelly Kramer - Science Teacher DAHS - resignation effective July 17, 2020</p> <p>Amy Sarnow - Spanish Teacher DAHS - resignation effective July 21, 2020</p> <p>II. Leaves:None.</p> <p>III. Transfers: None.</p> <p>IV. Appointments:</p> <p>Katherine Heidtke - Instrumental/General Music Teacher DAMS - replacing Doug Hoeft</p> <p>V. Reassignments:</p> <p>Tina Fredrickson - LMC Assistant 5/6 DAMS to LMC Assistant 7/8 replacing Char Palm</p> <p>VI. Other: None.</p> <p>Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Paid: 202720-202832, 202100021-202100063, 202000002-202000014</p> <p>Miller made a motion, Leonhart seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
7.	Linkages
8.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
9.	Future Agenda Items - Ad Hoc Committee updates.
10.	Board Debrief
11.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:54 pm on a motion by Miller, seconded by Lovick, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>

	DASD BOE President Signature:
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