

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 12, 2024 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Gail Lovick called the August 12, 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, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Dyanna Kadrach, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger and Kathy Williams.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Sue Esser 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 Coker, seconded by Leonhart, 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 following the regular meeting 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) &amp; 19.82(1) {Consideration of offer and possible counter offer for the sale of Holum Education center}</p>
4.	<p>Board Business &amp; possible Board action</p> <p>A. Consideration and action on Resolution Authorizing The School District Budget To Exceed The Revenue Limit for Recurring Purposes.</p> <p>On a motion by Berg, seconded by Hahn, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve a resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed the revenue limit for recurring purposes in the amount of \$7,900,000.</p> <p>The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.</p>

	<p>B. Consideration and action on Resolution Providing For A Referendum Election On The Question Of Approval Of A Resolution Authorizing The School District Budget To Exceed The Revenue Limit For Recurring Purposes</p> <p>On a motion by Berg, seconded by Taylor, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve a resolution providing for a referendum election on the question of approval of a resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed the revenue limit for recurring purposes in the amount of \$7,900,000.</p> <p>The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.</p> <p>C. Presentation and possible approval of OE-2 Emergency Superintendent Succession Monitoring Report</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Lewis, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept OE-2, Emergency Superintendent Succession Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>On a motion by Taylor, seconded by Berg, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve OE-2, Emergency Superintendent Succession Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
5.	Public Input - None.
6.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - July 22, 2024</p> <p>B. Approval of Annual DeForest Area School District Safety Plan - 2024-2025</p> <p>Taylor made a motion, Leonhart seconded, to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p><b>Certified Staff Recommendations for Board Approval</b></p> <p>I. Separations: None</p> <p>II. Appointments: Brittany Gierczic - Speech &amp; Language EPES</p> <p>III. Other: None</p> <p><b>Other Administrative Actions</b></p> <p>I. Separations:</p>

	<p>Marcos Vilela - Bilingual Education Assistant DAHS/DAMS resignation effective 8/12/2024  Dennis Wright - Special Education Assistant Harvest resignation effective 7/29/2024</p> <p>II. Appointments:  Robert Hartman - Custodian DAMS replacing Patrick Ludwig  Sloan Hubred - Custodian Harvest replacing Cynthia Keyes  Amy Kaufman - Recess EPES replacing Delaney Smith  Jennifer Wegner - Recess EPES replacing Brandie Thrall  Katie McKeown - Recess WES replacing Kathleen Goodman</p> <p>III. Other:  Doug Powell - Head Custodian YES to Head Day Custodian DAHS - new position  Emily Mezzilira - Food Service Assistant Harvest to Head Cook Harvest replacing Camilla Brockman  Meghan Lloyd - Recess YES to Special Education Assistant Harvest - New Position  Joshua Howard - Head Girls Soccer Coach DAHS replacing Tim Esser</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report  Paid: 209727-209793, 242500102-242500208, 202400007-202400036</p> <p>Berg made a motion, Esser seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
8.	<p>Press Verification  The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
9.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Hahn moved, Coker seconded, to move into closed session at 6:17 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)(e) &amp; 19.82(1) {Consideration of offer and possible counter offer for the sale of Holum Education center}</p>
10.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Berg, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 6:35 pm.</p>
11.	<p>Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business  While in Closed Session the Board took action on the listing price for the sale of Holum Education Center.</p>
12.	<p>Board Debrief</p>
13.	<p>Adjourn  The Board of Education adjourned at 6:42 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Lewis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>

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