

DeForest Area School District
BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 31, 2020
DeForest Area High School, Performing Arts Center
815 Jefferson Street, DeForest, WI 53532

I. Meeting Called to Order:

The August 31, 2020 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting of the DeForest Area School District was called to order by Jan Berg, President of the DeForest Area Board of Education, at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of the DeForest Area High School, 815 Jefferson Street, DeForest, WI 53532. Approximately 10 residents were in attendance.

A. Introductory Comments: Jan Berg, President DASD Board Of Education

1. Introduction of Board of Education Members

Berg introduced the Board of Education members:

Brian Coker
Sue Esser
Gail Lovick
Spencer Statz
Steve Tenpas
Keri Brunelle
Linda Leonhart
Jeff Miller

2. Introduction of District Administrator

After introductory comments, Jan Berg introduced Eric Runez, Superintendent. Runez welcomed the attendees.

B. District Administrator:

1. Introduction of Administrative Staff by District Superintendent

Superintendent, Eric Runez announced the names of his Administrative team.

2. Introduction of Legal Counsel/Parliamentarian (Eric)

Eric Runez introduced Mike Julka, Attorney with Boardman & Clark, LLC, who served as Legal Counsel/Parliamentarian for the DeForest Area School District Annual Meeting.

II. Election of Chairperson

Jan Berg was nominated to be Chair of the meeting on a motion by Nate Jaeger, seconded by Roz Craney. Berg was then elected Chair of the Budget/Hearing Annual Meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Chairperson Berg introduced Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Director of Business & Auxiliary Services.

III. Financial Report: Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Director of Business & Auxiliary Services

Kathleen Davis-Phillips stated that the final 2019-2020 Financial report will be presented at a future Board of Education meeting, as the final closing information is still being prepared.

IV. New Business:

A. Budget Hearing and Adoption of Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Levy

Berg announced that the citizens were now in the Budget Hearing portion of the meeting and Davis-Phillips continued her report by presenting the proposed 2020-2021 budget and proposed tax levy.

Davis reviewed the proposed budget, explained sources of revenue, special projects fund, debt service fund, capital projects fund, food service fund, post-retirement, and community service funds. The total property tax levy estimated to meet the needs of the 2020-2021 school year is \$36,061,797. The proposed budget for 2020-2021 reflects an approximate increase of 9.6% from the prior year due to the recurring referendum that passed in 2019. The estimated mill rate is \$12.39 per \$1,000 of equalized value based on current property values and may change when student enrollment is finalized, adjustments to revenue limit, and state aid are determined and property values are certified in October. Federal funding allocations due to Covid-19 will impact the proposed budget. The total tax levy includes the following components:

General Fund levy - \$23,611,797

Referendum Debt Service Fund - \$10,400,000

Capital Expansion Fund - \$2,000,000

Community Service Fund - \$50,000.00

Chairperson, Jan Berg asked for comments or questions from the citizens. No questions or comments were made and the hearing was then closed.

Matt Bauer made a motion, seconded by Nate Jaeger, to approve the 2020-2021 tax levy of \$36,061,797 of which \$23,611,797 is for the General Fund, \$10,400,000 is for Fund 39 Referendum Debt, \$2,000,000 is for Capital Expansion, and \$50,000 is for Community Service fund. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Chairperson facilitates the following motions:

B. Authorize 2020-2021 Salaries of Board of Education Members

A motion was made by Nate Jaeger, and seconded by Tonya Teeters, to maintain the current level and authorize the salaries of the Board of Education members at \$2,450, and the Board President at \$3,350. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

C. Authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of the Board of Education members when traveling in performance of duties

On a motion by Sara Runez, seconded by Roz Craney, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the citizens authorized the district to make payment of actual and necessary expenses of Board of Education members when traveling in performance of duties.

D. Authorize the DeForest Area School District to make payment for student accident insurance.

On a motion by Nate Jaeger, seconded by Roz Craney, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the District was authorized to make payment for student accident insurance.

E Date of Next Annual Meeting

The electors at the annual meeting may authorize the Board of Education to determine the date and hour of the annual meeting. No annual meeting may be held before May 15 or after October 15. Section 120.08(1), Wisconsin Statutes.

On a motion by Tonya Teeters, seconded by Sara Runez, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education was authorized to determine the date and hour of the next annual meeting.

V. Adjournment

On a motion by Sara Runez, seconded by Matt Bauer, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.