

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Retreat Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2024**

1.	Prior to convening the Board meeting, the Board of Education participated in a dinner and a team building activity from 5:30 pm - 6:11 pm.
2.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Gail Lovick called the September 16, 2024 Board retreat of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:12 p.m.</p> <p>Board members present: Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, and Stephanie Sarr. Absent were: Megan Taylor and Jan Berg . Also present was administrator, Dr. Rebecca Toetz.</p> <p>Jeff Hahn recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statement.</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Leonhart, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Board Conversation</p> <p>A. Board Reflections on Governance Policies GC-1, Board Purpose, and GC-2, Governing Commitments</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board reflected on, and considered Board policies, GC-1, and GC-2. They provided evidence of work that aligns with the policy statements and defined ideas for more effectiveness.</p> <p>B. Board review of priorities identified at April 2024 Board Retreat</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board reviewed priorities identified at the April 2024 Board Retreat and discussed next steps. They discussed ideas for future work on priorities.</p> <p>C. Update from Onboarding Ad Hoc Committee</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Sue Esser, and Brian Coker, members of the Onboarding Ad Hoc Committee presented an update on their work towards creating an Onboarding Board policy. More discussion will occur at the Oct. 14, 2024 Board Work Session.</p>
4.	<p>Debrief & Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:11 pm on a motion by Sarr, seconded by Hahn, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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