

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 27, 2021 – 6:00 pm.**

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| 1. | <p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the September 27, 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: Jan Berg, Keri Brunelle, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Gail Lovick, Linda Leonhart, and Stephanie Sarr. Absent were: none. Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Rebecca Toetz, Kathy Davis, Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger and Debbie Brewster. Sara Totten attended virtually.</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>Board Business &amp; possible Board action</p> <p>A. Overview of the BELE (Building Equitable Learning Environments) Student and Staff Team and invitation for BOE participation</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Participating remotely was Heidi Gill, Senior Associate, National Equity Project (NEP) and Rudy Bankston, founder and President of i am WE. The District is continuing to work with the National Equity Project again this year with the Building Equitable Learning Environments (BELE) team composed of district students and staff. NEP partner Gill, provided a brief overview of the BELE team. In addition, she extended an invitation for Board of Education representation on this team that meets monthly to support action occurring at the building and classroom levels. Berg and Hahn will be representatives at the next meeting on October 13, Runez will help assign rotation of additional BOE members moving forward.</p> <p>B. Framework for Moving Forward summary and next steps</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> School/Community Relations Coordinator, Debbie Brewster shared a summary of work completed during the Framework for Moving Forward event, held on August 11. The event was a facilitated conversation designed to reflect on and discuss the past year, to share and understand a variety of perspectives, and to find ways to move our DASD community forward positively into the new school year. Brewster provided a summary report of the data collected on August 11 and a</p> |

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|    | <p>compilation of feedback responses received. The Board discussed their brief reactions to the information and next steps moving forward; more in-depth discussion will be planned for a future BOE retreat.</p> <p>C. Update on 3rd Friday count held on September 17, 2021</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Business &amp; Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips shared a preliminary report on the 3rd Friday count held on September 17, 2021. The count showed an enrollment of 4,025 which is an increase of 147 students from the previous year. This is welcome news as the student count directly impacts funding the District will receive.</p>   |
| 4. | <p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - September 13, 2021</p> <p>Coker made a motion, Hahn seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>   |
| 5. | <p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p>I. Separations:<br/>Samantha Bryla - School Nurse DAHS/DAMS - Resignation effective 9/30/2021<br/>Lukas Crook - Head Custodian DAMS - Quit with no notice 9/20/2021</p> <p>II. Leaves: None.</p> <p>III. Transfers:<br/>Duane Kleinfeldt - Custodian 1 EPES to Food Service Assistant DAHS - replacing Wendy Novitzke</p> <p>IV. Appointments:<br/>Ashley Kouba - Educational Assistant WES - new position<br/>April Lobe - Educational Assistant DAHS - replacing Jamie Parks<br/>Roberta Schwartz - Dance Team Advisor DAHS - replacing Shawna Carrell<br/>John Smozynski - Custodian 2 DAHS - replacing Jeremy Jacobson</p> <p>V. Reassignments: None.</p> <p>VI. Other: None.</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report<br/>Paid: 204530-204593, 212200296-212200439, 202100052-202100058, 19128</p> <p>Lovick made a motion, Brunelle seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Linkages - BOE will discuss Wisdom Sharing takeaways as a future agenda item.</p>  |
| 7. | <p>Press Verification<br/>The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>  |
| 8. | <p>Board Debrief - none.</p>  |

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| 9. | Adjourn<br>The Board of Education adjourned at 6:59 pm on a motion by Brunelle, seconded by Leonhart, and passed unanimously by voice vote. |
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