

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 11, 2021 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the October 11, 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, Linda Leonhart, and Stephanie Sarr. Absent was: Gail Lovick. Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Kathy Davis, Pete Wilson, and Nate Jaeger. Administrators present via remote access: Rebecca Toetz, and Debbie Brewster.</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>On a motion by Brunelle, seconded by Sarr 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 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) (Discuss negotiation strategy for potential land purchase by the District)</p>
4.	<p>School Board Appreciation Week Recognition</p> <p>A. High School Culinary Students update on new space and recognition of School Board Appreciation Week, Oct. 3-8, 2021</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u>High School teacher, Brittany Vanderbilt, along with students Martina Zulkoski, Samantha Gaustad, Margaret (Maggie) Martin, recognized the School Board for School Board Appreciation Week, Oct. 3-8, 2021 with treats made during their culinary classes. The students and teachers also provided an update on their newly renovated classroom spaces.</p>
5.	<p>Public Input - Abigail Lowery was present to speak about communication with School Board members. Kym Larson sent an email regarding the student handbook and athletic code of conduct.</p>
6.	<p>Board Business &amp; possible Board action</p>

	<p>A. Presentation of 2021-2022 Annual Budget in preparation for final approval and levy modification on October 25, 2021</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Business &amp; Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, presented an update on the 2021-2022 Annual Budget in preparation for final approval and levy modification on Oct. 25, 2021. Since the July 2021 budget presentation and September 2021 Annual Meeting, there have been several updates made to the district's 2021-22 budget. Typically, as the school year progresses and more unknowns become known, the budget will fluctuate. The latest budget update incorporates several key factors such as; equalized value, third Friday student count, open enrollment, transfer of service, and staffing changes.</p> <p>B. Approve Board Retreat on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> On amended motions by Hahn, seconded by Coker, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education approved the addition of a Board retreat on Monday, October 18, 2021, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Boardroom at District Office. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
7.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - September 27, 2021</p> <p>Brunelle made a motion, Leonhart seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
8.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Consider approval of 2021-2022 Support Staff Compensation</p> <p>B. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p>I. Separations:</p> <p>Linda Geiger - Food Service Assistant Harvest - resignation effective 10/8/2021</p> <p>Misty Baker - Educational Assistant YES - Quit with no notice 9/27/2021</p> <p>Melissa Richardson - Choir/Music Teacher Harvest &amp; DAMS - resignation effective 10/29/2021</p> <p>Edward Mentell - Instructional Support Teacher DAMS - resignation effective 10/29/2021</p> <p>Sheila Friedel - Educational Assistant DAHS - resignation effective 10/13/2021</p> <p>II. Leaves: None.</p> <p>III. Transfers: None.</p> <p>IV. Appointments:</p> <p>Barb Rothwell - Food Service Assistant Harvest - new position</p> <p>Maria Bilogo - Custodian 2 DAHS - new position</p> <p>Amanda Anderson - Custodian 2 DAMS - replacing Steve Holsten</p> <p>Emily Feldman - Food Service Assistant Harvest - replacing Linda Geiger</p> <p>V. Reassignments:</p> <p>Steve Holsten - Custodian 2 DAMS to Head Building Custodian DAMS - replacing Lukas Crook</p> <p>VI. Other: None.</p> <p>C. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Paid: 204622-204665, 212200441-212200544, 202100034-202100065, 19129-19135</p>

	<p>D. Approve revisions to District Neola policies</p> <p>Brunelle made a motion, Coker seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
9.	<p>Board interviews for vacant Village of DeForest seat</p> <p>A. The Board will interview candidates for the vacant Village of DeForest seat</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board interviewed Beth McKay and Gussie Lewis for the vacant Village of DeForest Board of Education seat.</p> <p>B. Deliberation and selection of Board candidate to fill the vacant Village of DeForest seat</p> <p>The DeForest Area School District Board of Education selected Gussie Lewis, to fill the vacant Village of DeForest seat, on a 5-2 vote, with 2 votes cast for Beth McKay. Lewis will take the oath of office at the Oct. 18, 2021 Board Retreat.</p>
10.	Linkages
11.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.</p>
12.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Hahn moved, Leonhart seconded, to move into closed session at 7:24 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Berg, Brunelle, Coker, Esser, Hahn, Leonhart, and Sarr. Naye – None. Absent – Lovick.</p> <p>While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(e) (Discuss negotiation strategy for potential land purchase by the District)</p>
13.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Leonhart, and passed by a unanimous voice vote the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 7:50 pm.</p>
14.	<p>Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Leonhart, and passed by a unanimous voice vote, the DeForest Area School Board of Education voted to approve the District's process and offer for a land purchase as presented in closed session. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
15.	<p>Future Agenda Items - none.</p> <p>.</p>
16.	Board Debrief
17.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 7:57 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Berg, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>

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