

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 23, 2023 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Gail Lovick called the October 23, 2023 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>Director of Human Resource Services, Nate Jaeger, verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Linda Leonhart, Gail Lovick, and Stephanie Sarr. Jeff Hahn participated remotely. Absent were: Gussie Lewis and Megan Taylor. Also present were administrators: Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Dyanna Kadrich, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger and Kathy Williams.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Jan Berg recited the DeForest Area School District’s Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>A. Review DASD Board of Education Norms and Working Agreements B. 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>Board Business & possible Board action</p> <p>A. Presentation and final approval of 2023-2024 District Annual Budget and tax levy certification</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips presented the final 2023-2024 District Annual Budget and tax levy. The projected tax levy for the fiscal year 2023-24 is \$38,262,023, a rise from the previous year’s levy of \$34,422,527 (2022-23). The mill rate is estimated to be \$9.08 per \$1,000, a decrease of \$(0.31) per \$1,000 compared to the previous fiscal year (2022-23).</p> <p>On a motion by Sarr, seconded by Berg, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the 2023-2024 District Annual Budget and certified the tax levy, as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Lewis and Taylor were absent.</p>

B. Presentation and possible approval of Board Policy OE-5, Financial Planning Monitoring Report

Discussion: Davis-Phillips presented the monitoring report for OE-5, Financial Planning as in compliance. The findings of this report reflect the district's compliance with appropriately planning for, and timely reporting of, the district's financial needs for revenue and resources. The District maintains a AA+ S&P rating which only three other districts in the State are able to achieve.

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Leonhart, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept OE-5, Financial Planning Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Berg, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve OE-5, Financial Planning Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Presentation and possible approval of Board Policy OE-7 Asset Protection Monitoring Report

Discussion: Davis-Phillips and Director of Technology, Chris Czerniak, presented the monitoring report for OE-7, Asset Protection as in compliance. The District has the necessary protocols implemented to insure district assets and maintain the required fiscal stability for the effective operation of the District. Administration is asking the Board for more clarification on Indicator 7.4, # 3. The Board would like a review of this indicator in six months.

On a motion by Leonhart, seconded by Berg, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept OE-7, Asset Protection Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

On a motion by Esser, seconded by Coker, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve OE-7, Asset Protection Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

D. Discussion of Board Annual Work Plan, including Board orientation process, and Board self-evaluation

Discussion: The Board discussed potential revisions to their Annual Work Plan to include more results monitoring presentations, an enhanced Board orientation process, and increased self-evaluation.

E. Update on Framework 3.5 planning

Discussion: The Board is asked to reach out to those who have been invited but have not responded to the invitation to attend Framework 3.5.

4.	Public Input - None.
5.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Accept Minutes - October 9, 2023</p> <p>B. Acknowledge Neola District Policy update revisions</p> <p>Berg made a motion, Coker seconded, to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
6.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p>I. Separations: None.</p> <p>II. Leaves: None.</p> <p>III. Transfers:None.</p> <p>IV. Appointments:</p> <p>Rosalba Canales-Hernandez - Custodian EPES replacing Duane Kleinfeldt</p> <p>Nabil Madani - Custodian DAMS replacing John Gabbei</p> <p>V. Reassignments:</p> <p>Kelly Fencil - Special Education Assistant WES to Office Assistant WES replacing Jennifer Herbert</p> <p>VI. Other: None</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Paid: 208372-208442, 232400615-232400745, 202300139-202300146</p> <p>Leonhart made a motion, Berg seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
7.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>No member of the press was present at this time.</p>
8	Board Debrief
9.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 7:02 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Sarr, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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