

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Work Session Minutes
Monday, November 11, 2024 – 6:18 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>Following the adjournment of the Board’s regular meeting, Vice President, Sue Esser, called the November 11, 2024 work session of the DeForest Area School District’s Board of Education to order at 6:18 p.m. The work session was held in The Glenn of the District Office, 500 S. Cleveland Avenue, DeForest, WI 53532.</p> <p>Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Absent were: Jeff Hahn and Gail Lovick. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger, Roz Craney, and Kathy Williams. District principals Jon Rouse, Roy Bernards, Kyle Koenig, Kurt Becker, Bill Huebsch, and Valerie Crawl were also present.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>A. Approve Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Sarr, seconded by Lewis, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Board Objectives - Develop Board understanding of Act 20 requirements, Amplify (new reading curriculum), Science of Reading methodology, and State Report Card results.</p>
4.	<p>Board Education</p> <p>A. Board education on Act 20 requirements, new reading curriculum - Amplify, and Science of Reading methodology</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Instruction 4K-6 Instruction, Kate Dabetic, Sharon Ganster - Instructional Coach Eagle Point Elementary School, Jen Billings - Reading Teacher Eagle Point Elementary School, Ami Schmidt - Instructional Coach Yahara Elementary School, and Jennifer Garity - Reading Teacher Yahara Elementary School were present to provide information on Act 20 requirements, new reading curriculum - Amplify, and Science of Reading of methodology.</p> <p>The implementation of the requirements of Wisconsin Act 20 focuses the work in the elementary level (4K-3) on increasing the number of students reading on grade level by the end of third grade. The requirements and training were explained. Amplify (new reading curriculum), the science of reading, and changes in assessments were discussed, including the requirements for family communication.</p> <p>B. Presentation of annual Department of Public Instruction (DPI) State Report Card results with presentations by Eric Larsen</p>

	<p><u>Discussion:</u> Eric Larsen, Director of the Learning & Assessment Center for CESA 6, was present to report on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) State Report Card results for the DeForest Area School District for 2023-2024. Overall the District received a score of 71.6 which is in the Exceeds Expectations category.</p>
5.	<p>Board Debrief of Meetings</p> <p>The Board confirmed the process for indicator changes moving forward. The Board will use the same process that is outlined in the monitoring report approval process flow chart. Suggestion was made to add debriefing of monitoring reports as an agenda item.</p>
6.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:13 pm on a motion by Taylor, seconded by Lewis, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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