

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Special Meeting
Monday, December 21, 2020
4:30 pm**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Jan Berg called the December 21, 2020 special meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Superintendent, Eric Runez verified that the meeting had been properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present in person: Jan Berg and Sue Esser. Board members present via remote access: Keri Brunelle, Gail Lovick, Jeff Miller, Spencer Statz, and Steve Tenpas. Absent was: Linda Leonhart and Brian Coker. Coker arrived remotely at 4:40 pm. Leonhart arrived remotely at 4:55 pm. Also present in person was Superintendent, Eric Runez. Administrators present via remote access were, Rebecca Toetz, Kathy Davis, Sara Totten, Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger, Kim Bannigan, and Debbie Brewster.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Miller, seconded by Esser, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Public Input</p> <p>The Board of Education heard public input on High School Winter Athletics - Jay Hausser, Todd Grundahl, Jason Kramer, Jerry Schwenn, Trace Grundahl, Max Weisbrod, Craig Weisbrod.</p>
4.	<p>Board Business and possible Board action</p> <p>A. Discussion and possible approval to participate in High School Winter Athletics outside of Dane County</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Athletic Director, Rick Henert presented options for High School Winter Athletics. High School Activities, Clubs, and other programs will be virtual through the holiday break. High School Athletics will be running activities based on Dane County Order #11. Henert explained a proposal to allow winter sports to occur outside of Dane County following defined safety protocols, including requesting no crowds or minimal crowds, requiring masks, daily screeners, parent & student acknowledgement/agreement of DASD Covid policies, and transportation considerations.</p> <p>Lori Lubinsky, legal counsel for the insurance carrier and John Gibson, Tricor Insurance provided guidance on insurance coverage and liability. Both believe the plan presented was comprehensive and well thought out.</p> <p>On a motion by Miller, seconded by Statz, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to allow High School Winter Athletics outside of Dane County.</p>

	<p>The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Berg, Brunelle, Coker, Esser, Leonhart, Lovick, Miller, Statz, Tenpas. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.</p> <p>B. Update on Return to School planning in light of recent changes to Public Health Madison Dane County school guidance, and in preparation for revised Return to School Plan recommendation on January 11, 2021</p> <p>Public Comment was heard from: Megan Taylor, Jason Kramer, Jeff Hahn, Kari Livingston, Tracy Biodrowski, Kari Eagan & Windsor 3rd Grade Teachers regarding Return to School Planning.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Superintendent, Eric Runez, and Director of Instructional Services, Rebecca Toetz provided an update on the Return to School planning in light of recent changes to Public Health Madison Dane County school guidance. Runez provided an update on the revised PHMDC guidance. Toetz presented planning for phasing in grades 3-12 to in-person learning. Schedules will begin to be more restrictive to make sure staff and students are in compliance with the safety protocols and expectations as part of the transition, with the plan to become less restrictive as time goes on. A tentative phasing in timeline was shared, beginning the week of January 25 but more work will be done on the plan based on Board feedback. Administration will bring a revised Return to School Plan recommendation on January 11, 2021.</p> <p>C. Resolution in support of prioritizing school staff to be included in group 1B as essential workers in the State's vaccination distribution plan</p> <p>On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Statz, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve a resolution in support of prioritizing school staff to be included in group 1B as essential workers in the State's vaccination distribution plan. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
5.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:21 pm on a motion by Coker, seconded by Tenpas, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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