

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Retreat Minutes,
Monday, June 29, 2020 – 5:30 pm.**

1. Convene, Roll Call

President Jan Berg called the June 29, 2020 DeForest Area School District's Board of Education retreat to order at 5:40 p.m.

Board members present: Jan Berg, Keri Brunelle, Sue Esser, Linda Leonhart, Jeff Miller, and Steve Tenpas.
Absent: Gail Lovick, Brian Coker, and Spencer Statz.

2. Retreat Agenda

A. Review process for Board Policy Review

A suggestion was made to have a rubric or questions that could help with Board of Education policy review. It was suggested to form an ad hoc committee that would review the policies and bring potential revisions to the full Board. The rubric would be used by the committee to focus the work. It will be important to review policies through an equity lens.

B. Discuss Board and District's Equity work

The recommendation is that the Board create a new foundational Board policy or revise GC-1 Board Purpose to reflect the Board's expectation of focus on equity. Suggestions were made to identify in monitoring reports points of focus on equity. The policy could be evaluated annually during the Board's self-evaluation. A policy would provide alignment with Board expectations all the way down to the work that happens in the classroom. Sue Esser and Jan Berg have volunteered to work on an equity policy.

The Board has an interest in learning more about the role of the SRO (School Resource Officer) in the District and would like to review data at the next Board retreat.

C. Discuss how to proceed with Ad Hoc Communications Committee

The suggestion is to extend the deadline or pause the committee. More discussion will happen at the next Board meeting.

D. Review Board Policy BP-2 Board Members Participating in Meetings Remotely

There was some concern around Closed Session and Board members participating remotely. According to Board policy, Board members will provide assurance that no public person is with them at their teleconferencing location.

3. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:24 pm on a motion by Miller, seconded by Esser, and passed unanimously by voice vote.