

DeForest Area School District
BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 22, 2011 – 7:00 pm
DeForest Area Public Library, 203 Library Street, DeForest

I. Meeting Called to Order:

The August 22, 2011 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting of the DeForest Area School District was called to order by Jan Berg, President of the DeForest Board of Education, at 7:01 p.m. in the Community Room of the DeForest Area Public Library, 203 Library Street, DeForest. Approximately 120 citizens were in attendance.

A. Introductory Comments: Jan Berg

1. Introduction of Board of Education Members

Jan introduced the other Board of Education members present: Steve Tenpas, Sue Paulson, Kate Lund, Dave Miller and Marty Palus.

2. Introduction of District Administrator

Jan Berg introduced Dr. Jon Bales, District Administrator. Dr. Bales welcomed the attendees.

B. District Administrator: Dr. Jon Bales

1. Introduction of Administrative Staff

Dr. Jon Bales invited all members of the administrative staff who were present to stand and be recognized and acknowledged by the electors in attendance.

2. Introduction of Legal Counsel/Parliamentarian

Dr. Jon Bales introduced Mike Julka, Attorney with Lathrop & Clark, LLC, who served as Legal Counsel/Parliamentarian for the DeForest Area School District Annual Meeting. Attorney Julka gave opening statements, reviewed the purpose and powers of an annual meeting and explained the requirements necessary to be a qualified elector.

II. Election of Chairperson

Augie Munoz was nominated Chair of the meeting on a motion by Ed Busse, seconded by Jan Berg. The motion passed with a unanimous hand vote.

III. Financial Report: Diane Pertzborn, Director of Business & Auxiliary Services

Diane Pertzborn, Director of Business & Auxiliary Services presented the 2010-2011 Financial Report and explained that the final work of the audit by Clifton Gunderson LLP would be available in September. A final audited financial report will be presented to the Board of Education upon completion.

IV. New Business:

A. Budget Hearing and Adoption of Proposed 2010-11 Tax Levy

Chairman, Augie Munoz announced that the citizens were now in the Budget Hearing portion of the meeting. Diane Pertzborn, Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, presented the 2011-2012 budget and proposed tax levy.

The total property tax levy estimated to meet the needs of the 2010-2011 school year is \$21,540,437. The levy is approximately \$3,000 less (0.01 percent) than last year's amount. The total levy includes the following components:

General Fund levy - \$17,915,437.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund - \$3,400,000.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund - \$225,000.00

Pertzborn estimated a tax mill rate of \$11.01 per \$1,000 of equalized value, a .33 cents decrease from last year's rate of \$11.34 based upon current projections. Pertzborn cautioned that the mill rate could change in the next few months pending property value certification and state aid, which will not be determined until October.

Citizen comments were made by Marcia Riquelme, Jeffrey Horn, Michelle Lane, Dan Wendtland and Jeremy Soldner. After all comments, Chair Augie Munoz declared the Budget Hearing closed.

A motion was made by David McDonald, seconded by Tony Capozziello, to pass the proposed total tax levy of \$21,540,437 of which \$17,915,437 is for the General Fund, \$225,000 is for Fund 38 Non-Referendum Debt, and \$3,400,00 is for Fund 39 Referendum Debt.

Jeffrey Horn moved to amend the motion to reduce the levy by \$200,000, there by proposing a total tax levy of \$21, 340, 437 of which \$17,715,437 is for the General Fund, \$225,000 is for Fund 38 Non-Referendum Debt, and \$3,400,000 is for Fund 39 Referendum Debt. Chris Mc Farlin seconded the amended motion. The amended motion was defeated with 7 votes in support of the motion and the remaining majority of the audience voting "no".

Comments on the amendment were made by Terri Treinen, Roz Craney, Jeffrey Horn, Michelle Lane and Colleen Fogo.

Returning to the original motion made by David McDonald, seconded by Tony Capozziello, the proposed total tax levy of \$21,540, 437 of which \$17,915,437 is for the General Fund, \$225,000 is for the Fund 38 Non-Referendum Debt, and \$3,400,000 is for

Fund 39 Referendum Debt was passed by a hand vote, indicating an overwhelming majority in favor of the motion. Four votes were recorded against the motion.

B. Authorize 2011-2012 Salaries of Board of Education Members

A motion by Paul Herrick, seconded by Dan Wendtland, to authorize the salaries of the Board of Education members to remain at \$2,200, and the Board President at \$3,100, was passed unanimously, by voice vote.

C. Authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of Board of Education members when traveling in performance of duties

Dan Wendtland made a motion to suspend payment of actual and necessary expenses of Board of Education members when traveling in performance of duties this year. John Glowacki seconded the motion. The motion failed with 31 hand votes in favor and 62 hand votes against.

On a motion by Vickie Adkins, seconded by Bob Walton and passed unanimously by hand vote, the citizens authorized the district to make payment of actual and necessary expenses of Board of Education members when traveling in performance of duties.

D. Authorize the DeForest Area School District to make payment for student insurance.

On a motion by David McDonald, seconded by Kate Lund, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the District was authorized to make payment for student insurance.

E. Authorize the sale and/or disposal of school property, if determined appropriate by the Board of Education.

A motion by Marty Palus, seconded by JoAnn Miller, to authorize the Board of Education to sell or dispose of school property as appropriate was passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. Date of Next Annual Meeting

The electors at the annual meeting may authorize the Board of Education to determine the date and hour of the annual meeting. No annual meeting may be held before May 15 or after October 15. Section 120.08(1), Wisconsin Statutes.

On a motion by Larry Sobyak, seconded by Dave Lund, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education was authorized to determine the date and hour of the annual meeting.

VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Jan Berg, seconded by Marty Palus, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.