

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes  
DeForest Area Public Library, 203 Library Street, DeForest  
Monday, January 5, 2015 – 6:00 pm.**

1. Convene

President Jan Berg called the January 5, 2015 special meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:09 p.m in the Community Room of the DeForest Area Public Library.

Board members present: Jan Berg, Jeff Miller, Kate Lund, Terri Treinen, Steve Tenpas, Jim Pertzborn, Dan Choi and Christopher McFarlin. Present via speaker phone conference was DeAnna Giovanni. Also present were administrators Sue Borden, Sue Wilson, Kathy Davis, Ann Higgins, Vickie Adkins and Barb Buffington.

Sue Borden verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Hands Pledge were recited.

On a motion by Choi, seconded by Lund and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.

Steve Tenpas recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission and Vision Statements.

2. New Business

A. Ends Discussion

1.) Receive official recommendation from Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to address space and related operational needs for the DASD for the next 10 years. (EL 2: Communication and Support to the Board; EL 10: Facilities) (Approx. 15 min.)

Discussion: Board President, Jan Berg and Vice President, Steve Tenpas began the meeting by presenting the official recommendation from the Community Advisory Committee to the Board of Education. They reviewed a timeline of the process that has been used during the past several years to study facility needs in the District. They reviewed the Base Plan and the STEM project that is being presented for consideration this evening.

3. Adjourn for Recognition and Appreciation of Community Advisory Committee service (Approx. 30 min.)

The Board of Education took a break at 6:20 pm to recognize the efforts of the Community Advisory Committee and thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

4. Reconvene Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education reconvened at 6:42 pm.

A. Ends Discussion

1) Review and discuss final results of community survey on facility options (EL 2: Communication and Support to the Board; EL 10: Facilities) (Approx. 30.)

Discussion: Chelsea Davis, School Perceptions presented a summary of the final results from the community survey on District facility needs. As of December 30, 2014, there were 1,872 total responses which includes 404 paper responses and 1468 electronic submissions. This is a 24% response rate and School

Perceptions noted that is a high response rate comparatively to fall surveys they administered across the state. Final results indicate the following:

**Support for the Base Plan:** All Residents - 74%, Staff Residents - 84%, Parent Residents (Non-Staff) - 80%, Non-Parent, Non-Staff Residents - 59%, Senior Citizen - 52%.

**Support for Technology, STEM & Agri-Science:** All Residents - 63%, Staff Residents - 74%, Parent Residents (Non-Staff) - 66%, Non-Parent, Non-Staff Residents - 53%.

**Support for Swimming Pool:** All Residents - 44%, Staff Residents - 54%, Parent Residents (Non-Staff) - 50%, Non-Parent, Non-Staff Residents - 31%

School Perceptions noted that the support for the Base Plan comparatively to fall surveys in other communities was exceptionally strong. Additionally, the support for the STEM plan was strong.

- 2) Discussion of Community Advisory Committee recommendation to address space and related operational needs for the DASD for the next 10 years (GP 1: Role of the Board; EL 10: Facilities) (Approx. 60 min.)

Discussion: Berg explained the scope of the resolutions that are being considered. The resolutions are much broader in language than the CAC recommendation and include both a resolution to approve borrowing and a resolution to move to referendum. Matt Wolfert, Bray Architects, explained the differences with one or two questions on a referendum, one which would consider Base Plan and STEM considered separately or together in one question. Given the survey results, the recommendation is to combine the two questions. There was discussion about how long this plan will continue to meet the needs of the district. Wolfert discussed the assumptions used to consider the capacity of elementary schools. Ongoing operating expenses were discussed in relation to revenue limits. Currently, it is assumed that the district will be able to absorb the operating expenses within the current budget. The breakdown of the proposed \$36 million is approximately \$18.5 to Eagle Point Elementary School and \$17.5 to Windsor Elementary School. Improvements to Yahara Elementary School could come from operating expenses. The survey results regarding the pool were discussed. It was indicated that the Village of DeForest Board is interested in a partnership in the future with the Board of Education regarding the pool. It was stressed that communication and education about STEM will be crucial to the outcome of the referendum.

#### B. Consideration for Board of Education Action

- 1) Approval of Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$41,000,000. (GP 1: Role of the Board; EL 10: Facilities) (Approx. 10 min.)

On a motion by Choi seconded by Lund, the DeForest Area Board of Education approved the Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$41,000,000, as indicated by Option 2. The motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Berg - Aye, Tenpas - Aye, Choi - Aye, Lund - Aye, Treinen - Aye, Pertzborn - Aye, McFarlin - Aye, Miller - Aye. Giovanni participated via telephone conference call, therefore abstained from the vote as she was unable to clearly hear the entire discussion.

- 2) Approval of Resolution providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$41,000,000. (GP 1: Role of the Board; EL 10: Facilities) (Approx. 10 min.)

On a motion by Choi, seconded by Treinen, the DeForest Area Board of Education approved a Resolution providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$41,000,000, reflecting Option 2.

The motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Berg - Aye, Tenpas - Aye, Choi - Aye, Lund - Aye, Treinen - Aye, Pertzborn - Aye, McFarlin - Aye, Miller - Aye. Giovanni participated via telephone conference call, therefore abstained from the vote as she was unable to clearly hear the entire discussion.

7. Press Verification

The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes.

8. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:44 pm on a motion by Lund, seconded by Tenpas, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

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DASD BOE President

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Date