

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes,
Monday, February 24, 2014 – 6:15 pm.**

1. Convene

President Jan Berg called the February 24, 2014 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:17 p.m in the library at Yahara Elementary School.

Board members present: Jan Berg, Mike Hirsch, DeAnna Giovanni, Kate Lund, Sue Paulson, Steve Tenpas and Christopher McFarlin. Absent were: Dan Choi and Marty Palus. Also present were administrators Sue Borden, Sue Wilson, Diane Pertzborn, Vickie Adkins, and Mike Weisensel.

Sue Borden verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcement: Berg acknowledged Kate Lund who received Level 1 award recognition from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). Kate was presented with a certificate and a pin from WASB.

On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Lund, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved with an amendment to address New Business Item 3.A.2 before 3.A.1, due to a schedule conflict.

Sue Paulson recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission and Vision Statements.

2. Appearances Before the Board of Education

Public Input: None.

3. Board Business

A. Ends Discussion

- 2.) Instructional integration of technology at Yahara Elementary School (Mike Weisensel) (EL 6: Programs and Services)

Discussion: Yahara Elementary Principal, Mike Weisensel explained that Yahara purchased eight smart boards this year, one for each kindergarten and first grade classroom. Board members visited two classrooms where SMART Board activities were demonstrated by Kate Dabetic, first grade teacher, Jamey Stanosz, elementary library/technology teacher, and Karly Borrud and Kacy Carey, kindergarten teachers.

- 1.) Yahara Elementary School facility input and tour (Mike Weisensel) (EL 6: Programs and Services)

Discussion: Principal Weisensel gave Board members a tour of the building. He focused on areas that were identified in the recent facility study. Some of those areas include lack of adequate visitor and parent parking, the need for wider sidewalks for bus lines, and traffic flow issues. The gym floor is being considered for remodel or repair. He also pointed out that the buzzer system for allowing entrance to the building has been an appreciated upgrade in addressing safety concerns. Finally, he showed the board the current movement room and explained plans for an intensive services room.

- 3.) Preliminary foundational information on health insurance (Vickie Adkins, Diane Pertzborn) (EL 5: Compensation and Benefits)

Discussion: Director of Human Resource Services, Vickie Adkins introduced Al Jaegar, insurance consultant, Sue Augustine, benefits specialist and Diane Pertzborn, Director of Business and Auxiliary Services. Jaegar shared some history of the DASD health plan and industry trends. He also explained that factors such as the Affordable Care Act and employee utilization rates will impact future health insurance premium costs. Augustine explained the importance of the district's wellness efforts in helping control claim costs. Fifty percent of claims are a direct result of behavior, so the district will make a strong effort to inform and influence wellness choices. Consideration is also being given to plan design in order to avoid Affordable Care Act "Cadillac" tax implications in future years. Pertzborn shared projected budget scenarios with the impact of increasing premiums. The district's insurance committee will continue to meet and address wellness initiatives, evolving plan design/carrier models and evolving contributions, eligibility requirements and budget implications. Recommendations will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

4.) Discussion of technology for Board members (Kim Bannigan) (EL 6: Programs and Services)

Discussion: Kim Bannigan, Coordinator of Learning Information Systems, demonstrated various devices that board members may want to consider for use in conducting board business, including iPads and Chromebooks. The intention is to lower the use of paper at board meetings, increase ease of access to electronic board packets and increase efficiency at board meetings. Bannigan will return on March 10 to discuss further.

5.) Framework for Our Future 2.5 debrief discussion (GP 1: Role of the Board)

Discussion: The board commented on the recent Framework for Our Future 2.5 follow-up report to stakeholders. Overall, the event went very well, with good attendance. The participants were given a report that highlighted current District activities, programs and initiatives. Participants were impressed by the work that has been done in the past five years towards the themes for district focus that had been identified at the last conference and appreciated the update. The board received preliminary data collected at the event. After all the data is compiled and analyzed more information will be provided to the board. The district will consider the input collected as they continue to work towards achieving the community's vision for students and schools.

B. Consideration for Board of Education Action

1.) Discussion and approval of Guiding Principles for Space Needs (GP 1: Role of the Board)

On a motion by Paulson, seconded by Tenpas, the DeForest Area Board of Education approved Guiding Principles for Space and Student Needs as presented (with a slight grammatical correction). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

2.) Review and approval of District Mission Statement with suggested changes (Ends 2.0 – Mission Statement)

On a motion by Lund, seconded by Tenpas, the DeForest Area Board of Education approved slight revisions to the District Mission Statement as presented. The new Mission Statement is as follows: *The Mission of the DeForest Area School District is to provide an excellent education and engage, challenge, and inspire all students to achieve their full potential.* The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Agenda Planning

- A. Follow up from TILT (Technology Integration Leadership Team) committee
- B. Fine Arts update
- C. Board linkage opportunities
- D. Staff and enrollment updates - ongoing

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Accept Minutes – February 10, 2014 regular meeting.
- B. Required Approvals

Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report

Void: 188661

Paid: 188759 – 188766, 188768 – 188770, 188778 – 188786, 188788 – 188793, 188795 – 188796, 188798 – 188799, 188801 – 188803, 188805 – 188807, 188809 – 188812, 188814 – 188826, 188829 – 188830, 188832 – 188835, 188837 – 188838, 188845 – 188846, 188850, 188852 – 188861, 188863 – 188877, 188880 – 188888, 188891 – 188893, 188895, 188898 – 188901, 188903 – 188908, 188910 – 188915, 188917 – 188929, 188931, 188933 – 188935, 188937, 188939 – 188940, 188942 – 188946, 131401182, 131401184, 131401186 – 131401203, 131401205, 131401207 – 131401210, 131401212 – 131401223, 131401225 – 131401227, 131401229 – 131401238, 131401240 – 131401244, 131401246 – 131401250, 131401252 – 131401256, 131401258 – 131401261.

Budget Transfer: None

Personnel Recommendations:

I. Separations:

Darci Tronick – Psychologist – DAMS – resignation effective June 10, 2014

II. Leaves:

Rebecca Kempfert – 1st Grade Teacher WES – leave for 2014-15 school year

III. Transfers:

None

IV. Appointments:

None

V. Reassignments:

None

VI. Other:

None

- C. Accept Monitoring Reports
 - 1. Administrative Monitoring Status Reports

On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by Lund, and passed by voice vote, the Consent Agenda was approved. Giovanni abstained from the vote. The rest of the Board voted unanimously to approve.

6. Linkages

Board Members: Board members participated in the Framework 2.5 follow-up event on February 20. Berg also mentioned an email that all board members should have received from WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards) regarding Common Core Standards. Tenpas attended the sectional wrestling meet and commented on the benefit of co-curricular activities for students.

Administration: Borden reminded board members about the upcoming AODA presentation on Feb. 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the High School. The board is invited to attend the Badger Conference Top Scholars Banquet on April 27 at Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells. The National School Board Association conference in April 4-7 in New Orleans.

7. Press Verification

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

8. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 8:58 pm on a motion by McFarlin, seconded by Tenpas, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DASD BOE President

Date