

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes,
Monday, March 23, 2015 – 6:15 pm.**

1. Convene

Vice President Steve Tenpas called the March 23, 2015 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:15 p.m.

Board members present: Steve Tenpas, Jeff Miller, DeAnna Giovanni, Kate Lund, Jim Pertzborn, and Dan Choi. Absent were: Jan Berg, Terri Treinen & Chris McFarlin. Also present were administrators Sue Borden, Sue Wilson, Barb Buffington, Kathy Davis, Ann Higgins and Vickie Adkins.

Ann Stettbacher verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Hands Pledge were recited.

On a motion by Choi, seconded by Miller, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved, with amendments to reorder the agenda by moving Items B.1 & B.2 first, followed by approval of the Consent Agenda (with the removal of the consent agenda item for dissolution to the Rivers Turn agreement) followed by the Ends Discussion items, A.1 & A.2. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Kate Lund recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission and Vision Statements.

2. Appearances Before the Board of Education

Public Input: None.

3. Board Business

B. Consideration for Board of Education Action

- 1.) Consider approval of Bray Architects and Findorff Construction contracts for potential referendum/facility project (GP 1: Role of the Board; EL 10: Facilities)

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathy Davis and Frank Sutherland, Boardman & Clark presented information about contracts for potential referendum/facility projects. Sutherland explained that he reviewed the contracts from Bray Architects and Findorff Construction. He presented an overview of the contracts and the negotiating process that has been used prior to the referendum as well as the construction process used after potential referendum approval.

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Lund, the DeForest Area Board of Education approved the Bray Architects and Findorff Construction contracts for potential referendum/facility projects, with additional modifications as approved by the Superintendent with legal counsel. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

- 2.) Authorize Board of Education Clerk to Appoint Board of Canvassers for April 7, 2015 Spring Election (EL 1: Role of the Board - Complying with legislated responsibilities as required by Wisconsin State Statutue)

On a motion by Choi, seconded by Miller, the DeForest Area Board of Education appointed Kate Lund to serve in the role as board clerk on the Board of Canvassers, due to the Clerk, DeAnna Giovanni being on the ballot this year. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. The Board of Canvassers will meet on Monday, April 13 at 5:00 pm.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Accept Minutes – March 9, 2015 regular meeting.
- B. Required Approvals

Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report

Void: 177204, 177205, 180103, 184016, 185624, 186744, 188071, 191850, 192810.

Paid: 192833, 192839 - 192850, 192852 - 192870, 192872 - 192878, 192880 - 192885, 192889 - 192903, 192906, 192908 - 192947, 141501476 - 141501484, 141501492 - 141501508, 141501510 - 141501512, 141501522 - 141501532, 141501534, 141501536 - 141501542, 141501544 - 141501549, 141501551 - 141501552, 141501557 - 141501575, 141501577 - 141501600, 141501602 - 141501604, 141501606 - 141501607, 141501609 - 141501620, 201400221, 201400241, 201400278 - 201400280, 201400282 - 201400285, 201400287.

Personnel Recommendations:

I. Separations:

Lester Stark - Head Custodian EPES - retirement effective July 10, 2015
James Nelson - Custodian DAHS - termination effective March 17, 2015
Malik Lynch - Custodian DAHS - termination effective March 17, 2015
Cathy Moore - Teacher DAMS - retirement effective June 10, 2015

II. Leaves:

None

III. Transfers:

None

IV. Appointments:

None

V. Reassignments:

Allison Lavold - Kindergarten WES to 2nd Grade WES - replacing Theresa Gartland - 2015-16 school year
Theresa Gartland - 2nd Grade WES to 3rd Grade WES - 2015-16 school year
Rebecca Kempfert - returning from leave to Kindergarten WES - replacing Allison Lavold - 2015-16 school year
Laura Krusheck - 7th Grade Digital Communications to 7th Grade ELA DAMS - replacing Laura Salopek - 2015-16 school year
Laura Salopek - 7th Grade ELA to 5th Grade Reading DAMS - replacing Greg Gorres - 2015-16 school year
Greg Gorres - 5th Grade Reading to 8th Grade Math DAMS - replacing Jackie Hoffman - 2015-16 school year
Jackie Hoffman - 8th Grade Math to 6th Grade Math DAMS - replacing Jodi Acker - 2015-16 school year
Jodi Acker - 6th Grade Math DAMS to 6th Grade Science DAMS - replacing William Porter - 2015-16 school year

VI. Other:

None

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

On a motion by Lund seconded by Giovanni, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Consent Agenda was approved, with the removal of the dissolution of the Rivers Turn agreement.

Dan Choi and Jim Pertzborn left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

A. Ends Discussion

1.) Explanation of Laude system for High School student ranking - Sue Wilson (EL 2: Communication and Support to the Board; EL 6: Programs and Services)

Discussion: Director of Instructional Services, Sue Wilson and High School Principal, Machell Schwarz presented information on the proposed laude system for high school student ranking. The purpose of the laude system is to recognize students for the rigor of their academic program as well as their success. This award system is proposed to be initiated with the class of 2017.

A student qualifies to receive laude recognition by multiplying the number of laude points by their cumulative grade point average at the completion of the first semester of the senior year. Laude courses are identified in the DAHS Course Handbook and will earn one point per semester of successful completion. Students must have a minimum grade point of 3.300 to qualify. There are three levels of designation; *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*. Courses earning laude points are identified by high school administration and staff. A review process is in place for course additions or eliminations. Courses earning laude points are those that are most rigorous, have potential to earn college credit, or are a capstone for a career pathway. Wilson will bring back a final draft for Board approval.

2.) Next steps in referendum planning (GP 1: Role of the Board; EL 10: Facilities)

Discussion: Sue Borden provided an update on the latest referendum plans. In the area of design, the Yahara Elementary School main office design and driveway is 90% finished. STEM conceptual designs for the high school were previously emailed and are on the website. A first discussion of STEM at the middle school was just completed, no conceptual designs have been developed at this time. Plans for Eagle Point and Windsor Elementary schools are on hold until after the election. The following are plans in the communication area: daily messages via social media, information about absentee voting, district referendum video is completed and on website, Open Houses continue - March 26 at Windsor & March 31 at the Senior Center, Door-to-door campaign during Spring Break, and students will receive stickers on April 7, reminding parents to vote. The district is in compliance with all necessary legal notices and the district will move forward with anything financial after the election.

4. Agenda Planning
 - A. Open Enrollment policy review
 - B. Student/Staff Foreign and Domestic Travel policy
 - C. MES Task Force
 - D. Local trends seen in law enforcement
 - E. Consideration of Jefferson Street extension
 - F. Transportation Contract
 - G. Rivers Turn agreement dissolution
 - H. Course Options Dual Enrollment

6. Linkages

Board Members: Eagle Point Elementary musical program was attended by DeAnna Giovanni. Tenpas attended referendum Open Houses at Eagle Point and at the High School. Jeff Miller attended the High School band and choir concert on March 10. Tenpas announced that Representative Keith Ripp accepted our invitation and will be visiting the District on April 24.

Administration: PLTW (Project Lead the Way) Advisory Board meets March 24 and a visit is scheduled to Wilmot to review their biomedical science program.

7. Press Verification

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

8. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:12 pm on a motion by Lund, seconded by Giovanni, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DASD BOE President

Date