

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes,  
Monday, August 12, 2013 – 6:30 pm.**

1. Convene

Vice-President Steve Tenpas called the August 12, 2013 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:32 pm.

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

Sue Borden verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Christopher McFarlin 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

1.) International Sister School Partnerships & Process – Sue Borden (EL 6: Programs and Services)

Discussion: District Administrator, Sue Borden shared her experience with international sister school partnerships and the process to develop an agreement with partners. Specifically, she shared information on a former sister school agreement with Shijiazhuang Foreign Language School in China, that she participated in while in Germantown. Along with this school in China, Borden has been in contact with schools in Germany and Thailand who have also expressed interest in partnerships with DeForest. Initial activities may simply include blogging, Skype, sharing Google docs and teacher professional development. At some point in the future, there could be a possibility of homestays or exchanges. These experiences of global connectivity contribute to the student learning end on global awareness.

2.) Back-to-School Linkage Opportunities (GP 1: Role of the Board)

Discussion: The Board reviewed a schedule of Back-to-School events that provide opportunities for engagement with staff and community. Board members will attend New Teacher Orientation events and District Inservice activities to welcome back staff members, as their schedules allow.

4. Agenda Planning

A. Anti-bullying discussion

B. Annual Board of Education calendar/goals

C. District space needs

D. Follow up from TILT committee

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Accept Minutes – July 22, 2013 regular meeting.
- B. Required Approvals

*Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report*

*Void:* None.

*Paid:* 186665 – 186667, 186669, 186671 – 186690, 186692 – 186699, 186702, 186706 – 186708, 186712 – 186717, 186719, 186721 – 186752, 186762 – 186771, 186774 – 186776, 186778 – 186784, 186787 – 186792, 186794 – 186803, 186805, 131400056 – 131400072, 131400075 – 131400092, 131400094 – 131400096, 131400098 – 131400104, 131400110 – 131400111, 131400113 0 131400118, 131400120, 131400123 – 131400124, 131400126 – 131400127.

*Budget Transfer:* None.

*Personnel Recommendations:*

***I. Separations:***

Lisa Mowbray – Educational Assistant – DAMS – resignation  
Trenton Rasmussen – Alternative Education Teacher – DAHS – resignation  
Anthony Luell – Bilingual Education Assistant – DAMS - resignation

***II. Leaves:***

None

***III. Transfers:***

None

***IV. Appointments:***

Allison Lavold – Kindergarten Teacher – WES – new position  
Laura Capobianco – Journeys Coordinator – YES – replacing Lisa Skeway  
Wendy Corlett – Accounting Specialist – DO – replacing Michael Koltes  
Terisha Drinka – Recess/Lunch Monitor WES – replacing Jill Costello  
Kristin Romeo – Recess/Lunch Monitor EPES – replacing April Lobe  
Sara Gryske – Recess/Lunch Monitor MES – new position  
Judy Van Voorhis – Educational Assistant MES – new position

***V. Reassignments:***

Nancy Kunesh – Recess/Lunch Monitor YES – Educational Assistant – YES – new position  
Katie Ferkovich – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Multiage WES – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade WES  
Dana Ringhand – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Multiage WES – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade WES

***VI. Other:***

None

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

On a motion by Palus, seconded by Giovanni, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Consent Agenda was approved.

6. Linkages

Board Members: Hirsch thanked board members who attended a social gathering at his home for current and former board members. McFarlin attended registration at the high school. Hirsch indicated feedback from the first time centralized registration has been positive.

Administration: The Board was reminded about the WASB Regional meeting coming up on September 24 at Coachman's Inn in Stoughton, the WASB/WSAA Employment and Law Seminar on October 31 & November 1 and the State Education Convention, January 22 – 24, 2014 in Milwaukee.

7. Press Verification

No member of the press was present at this time.

8. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:30 pm on a motion by McFarlin, seconded by Paulson, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

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DASD BOE President

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Date