

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes,  
Monday, September 23, 2013 – 6:30 pm.**

1. Convene

President Jan Berg called the September 23, 2013 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Sue Borden verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

- 1.) Board of Education Hands Pledge & Student School Connectedness & Behavior Awareness Update (EL 4: Treatment of Students, EL 6: Programs and Services)

Discussion: Eagle Point Elementary School Counselor, Linda Bergh introduced herself and five students who attended the meeting to help explain the Hands Pledge, an activity conducted district-wide by elementary students in an effort to encourage respect and equality in all relationships. As a reminder of the pledge, students recite the promise not to use hands or words for hurting themselves or others, every morning after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The students lead the Board of Education in reciting the pledge and then answered questions, as the Board traced their hands and cut them out, just as students do who take the pledge. Joining Bergh to help explain other activities and curriculum used to promote student connectedness and behavior awareness was Cori Denk, Yahara Elementary and Stefanie Muller, Windsor Elementary. Other programs described were Playground Pals, Bucket Filling, use of Emotes action figures, and Zones of Regulation. All these activities are designed to help students develop empathy and learn to deal appropriately with emotions. Superintendent Borden shared that the counseling curriculum supports the districts mission and is foundational to ensuring students develop relationships that continue to enhance the safe, respectful and responsible choices in the schools. A complete list of school connectedness and behavior education activities conducted in the district, at all levels, was provided in the Board packet.

- 2.) Discussion & Development of Guiding Principles for Space Needs (GP 1: Role of the Board)

Discussion: Board members engaged in an initial discussion about establishing guiding principles for district space needs. Guiding principles are created to help inform future decisions. Options for space needs will be evaluated against the established guiding principles, once they are finalized. The Board is interested in proceeding with a facilities study, gathering facts and data on current demographics and developing a process

for community engagement that includes a timeline for recommended proposals. Ongoing discussion on space needs and guiding principles will be held in upcoming months.

4. Agenda Planning
  - A. District space needs
  - B. Follow up from TILT committee
  - C. Framework 2.0 Follow-up

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Accept Minutes – September 9, 2013 regular meeting.
- B. Required Approvals

*Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report*

*Paid: 186993 – 186998, 187000 – 187003, 187005 – 187006, 187008, 187010, 187011, 187013 – 187015, 187017 – 187018, 187020, 187022 – 187026, 187028 – 187039, 187042 – 187045, 187060, 187064 – 187066, 187069, 187071 – 187072, 187074 – 187075, 187077 – 187080, 187082 – 187092, 187094 – 187096, 187098, 187102, 187106 – 187107, 187109 – 187112, 187114 – 187117, 187119 – 187123, 187128 – 187130, 187132, 187135 – 187137, 131400225, 131400227 – 131400229, 131400231 – 131400232, 131400234, 131400236 – 131400239, 131400241 – 131400258, 131400260 – 131400265, 131400267 – 131400269, 131400271, 131400273 – 131400275, 131400277, 131400279 – 131400281, 131400284 – 131400287.*

*Budget Transfer: None*

*Personnel Recommendations:*

**I. Separations:**

None

**II. Leaves:**

Jacqueline Broom – School Counselor DAMS – Extended Leave March 2013 – June 6, 2013

Steven Grotzke – Custodian DAHS – Extended Medical Leave

**III. Transfers:**

Kelly Olson – Secretary DAHS – replacing Karen Meylor-Miller

**IV. Appointments:**

None

**V. Reassignments:**

Tonya Teeters – Office Assistant EPES – replacing Kelly Olson

**VI. Other:**

None

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

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

6. Linkages

Board Members: Paulson attended a summer reading book discussion at the high school. Hirsch and other Board members attended a Tailgate party for staff prior to the football game on Sept. 13. The tailgate was co-

sponsored by the District Wellness Committee and the Board of Education to welcome staff and provide an opportunity for staff to visit with new Superintendent, Sue Borden and Board members.

Administration: Borden complimented staff on the new Writing Workshop literacy efforts they have been working on. The WASB Regional meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24 in Stoughton.

7. Press Verification

No member of the press was present at this time.

8. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 8:26 pm on a motion by Paulson, seconded by Tenpas, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

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Date