

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes,
Monday, October 23, 2017– 6:00 pm.**

1. Convene

President Jan Berg called the October 23, 2017 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Eric Runez verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Sue Esser, DeAnna Giovanni, Linda Leonhart, Jeff Miller, Steve Tenpas, and Terri Treinen. Absent:: Gail Lovick. Also present were administrators Eric Runez, Sue Wilson, Kathy Davis, Barb Buffington, Pete Wilson, Nate Jaeger, Joe Parker, and Debbie Brewster.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Board business & possible Board action

A. Presentation of OE-5, Financial Planning, Monitoring Report (Kathleen Davis)

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathy Davis, reviewed the OE-5 monitoring report with the Board. Several components of the OE-5 indicator evidences were reviewed. Davis also confirmed that the District maintained a Bond rating of AA+ which was the highest for public school districts in Wisconsin utilizing the Standard and Poor's rating system.

Superintendent Eric Runez indicated that the district is in compliance with appropriate planning for the district's financial needs for revenue and resources, organized and aligned with the board's expectations and the required format for submission to the WI Department of Public Instruction, and complies with the standards in both WUFAR and GASB.

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Giovanni, the DeForest Area Board of Education voted to accept the Monitoring Report. On a motion by Miller, seconded by Leonhart, the DeForest Area Board of Education voted to approve OE-5, Financial Planning, Monitoring Report, as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

B. Presentation and final approval of 2017-2018 Annual Budget and tax levy certification (Kathleen Davis)

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathy Davis, presented the third draft of the 2017-18 budget. There were very limited changes from budget draft #2. The final budget was impacted slightly by \$68,810 in higher than expected aid and a \$8,176 reduction for a voucher school student. The total tax levy proposed was \$24,348,435 with a Mill rate of \$10.10.

On a motion by Miller, seconded by Giovanni, the DeForest Area Board of Education voted to approve the 2017-2018 District budget and tax levy certification of \$24,348,435 as presented.

The tax levy was set at \$10.10. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Presentation of R-2, Academic Performance, Monitoring Report (Sue Wilson, Joe Parker)

Discussion: Superintendent Eric Runez presented the Monitoring Report for R-2, Academic Performance, and indicated that the district is making reasonable progress with some noted exceptions. Runez, Director of Instructional Services Sue Wilson, and Learning Program Coordinator Joe Parker presented highlights of the report. Runez pointed out the increase in ACT scores as a positive note, and some subgroups performed better than the state average. He indicated that some of the data presented is baseline data. Data for some of the subgroups of students was higher than their corresponding state average, but there are gaps and areas for improvement. Local and state assessments were reviewed, indicating that STAR (district growth assessment) will be changed to iReady next year. Grading systems also vary among levels (i.e., elementary, middle and high school). Wilson is working with some staff to examine grading for behavior and grading for achievement.

On a motion by Giovanni, seconded by Treinen, the DeForest Area Board of Education voted to accept the R-2 Academic Performance Monitoring Report, as presented.

Board discussion: Work will continue on aligning classroom assessments (grading) with state-standard assessments. Second year of Forward exam. Areas where administrators are not satisfied with results are being addressed through the strategic plan. Runez and Berg will be attending staff meetings in each school to explain the board's work and the importance of monitoring academic achievement. Suggestion to create a document that presents this Monitoring Report in a more easily understood format are likely to follow. There was discussion about the process of monitoring data and communicating related action plans (strategic plan).

On a motion by Esser, seconded by Tenpas, the DeForest Area Board of Education voted to approve the R-2, Academic Performance, Monitoring Report, as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

4. Public Input

Public Input: *None.*

5. Board Consent Agenda

A. Accept Minutes - October 9, 2017 regular meeting

Tenpas made a motion, Coker seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

6. Superintendent Consent Agenda

1. Personnel Recommendations

I. Separations:

Susan Wilson - Director of Curriculum and Instruction - retirement June 30, 2018

II. Leaves: *None.*

III. Transfers: *None.*

IV. Appointments:

Joseph CaPaul - Assistant Forensics Coach DAHS - replacing Maggie Condon

Judy Moyes-Fries - Lunch Monitor DAMS - replacing Kris Gillam

Sandy Langdon - Educational Assistant HEC - new position

Lynette Raether - Educational Assitant EPES - new position

V. Reassignments: None.

VI. Other: None.

2. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report

Paid: 198219 - 198303, 3084, 171800611 - 171800791, 201700276 - 201700283

Tenpas made a motion, Treinen seconded to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

7. Linkages

DeAnna Giovanni and Jan Berg reported on the Morrisonville Elementary School Task Force meeting held on Monday, October 16. Brian Coker will be attending the Parent Key Communicator meeting on Nov. 3. He will bring a draft of a presentation for board members to review at their October 30 retreat.

8. Press Verification

The press was given the opportunity to clarify any proceedings or notes. No clarifications needed.

9. Board Debrief (5 minutes)

10. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:24 pm on a motion by Treinen, seconded by Leonhard, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DASD BOE President

Date