

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes,
Monday, December 8, 2014
5:45 pm.**

1. Convene

President Jan Berg called the December 8, 2014 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 5:47 p.m.

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

Sue Borden verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Hands Pledge were recited.

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

Mike Hirsch 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 Policy Development Action

- 1.) Consideration and selection of construction firm for referendum/facility project
(EL 2: Communication and Support to the Board; EL 10: Facilities) (Approx. 30 min.)

Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Diane Pertzborn explained the interview process used to consider a construction firm for referendum/facility project. Four construction firms were interviewed on November 25th. Each was provided a presentation/information outline and a pricing request. After the interviews, the selection team met and discussed the quality of each team as it related to support for pre-resolution consulting, post-resolution to referendum planning and support, and post-referendum construction management. Each firm was individually ranked 1-4 prior to opening the pricing documents. After reviewing pricing, Findorff was selected unanimously by the team. Dan Choi offered to work with the construction firm as a Board representative regarding the contract.

On a motion by Mike Hirsch, seconded by Steve Tenpas, the DeForest Area Board of Education voted to approve Findorff as the construction firm for a potential referendum/facility project. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

B. Ends Discussion

- 1.) Conduct candidate interviews for Board of Education Vacancy (Village of DeForest seat) (GP 1: Role of the Board) (Approx. 2.5 hours)

Discussion: The Board of Education interviewed five candidates for the Village of DeForest Board of Education seat made vacant by the resignation of Mike Hirsch, effective December 9.

B. Consideration for Board of Education Action

1.) Discussion and official appointment to fill Board of Education vacancy and complete term of office, ending on April 26, 2015. (GP 1: Role of the Board) (45 min.)

On a motion by McFarlin, seconded by Treinen, the DeForest Area Board of Education appointed Jeff Miller to fill the Board of Education vacancy, Village of DeForest seat made vacant by the resignation of Mike Hirsch and complete the term of office, ending on April 26, 2015. The motion passed by a 7 - 1 vote, with Mike Hirsch abstaining.

4. Agenda Planning
 - A. Open Enrollment policy review
 - B. Student/Staff Foreign and Domestic Travel policy
 - C. Consider Ad Hoc Committee to review IPM processes
 - D. Linkage with Police Department

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Accept Minutes – November 24, 2014 regular meeting.
- B. Required Approvals

Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report

Void: None.

Paid: 191902 - 191950, 191952 - 191958, 191960 - 191961, 191975 - 192003, 192005 - 192010, 141500777 - 141500792, 141500794 - 141500795, 141500798 - 141500801, 141500803 - 141500855, 201400093, 201400131, 201400134 - 201400165, 201400167 - 201400169.

Budget Transfer: None

Personnel Recommendations:

I. Separations:

None

II. Leaves:

None

III. Transfers:

None

IV. Appointments:

Thomas Cavitt - Head Building Custodian DAHS - replacing Ralph Tolzmann
Nicholas Katsandonis - Spanish Club Advisor DAHS - replacing Racquel Drunasky
Amanda Otradovec - Spanish Teacher DAHS - replacing Racquel Drunasky

V. Reassignments:

None

VI. Other:

None

C. Accept Monitoring Reports

1. Administrative Monitoring Status Reports

On a motion by Tenpas, seconded by McFarlin and passed by an 8-1 voice vote, the Consent Agenda was approved.

6. Linkages

Board Members: Mike Hirsch thanked his wife, Bernice and his family for their support of his role on the school board. He also expressed his passion for the small school education model.

Administration: December 15 is the next Community Advisory Committee and the Board is encouraged to attend to hear the results of the community survey. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm at the Community and Senior Center. December 18 there will be a group from the District touring Arboretum and Kromrey schools from 12:30 - 4:00 pm. January 5 at 6:15 pm is a special Board meeting to discuss a potential resolution for referendum. The Board is asked to reserve January 19 as well, in case an extra meeting is needed for further discussion of resolution.

7. Press Verification

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

8. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:07 pm on a motion by Hirsch seconded by Lund, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DASD BOE President

Date