

**DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2023 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Gail Lovick called the March 13, 2023 regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District’s Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m in the Boardroom of the District Office, 500 S. Cleveland Avenue, DeForest, WI 53532.</p> <p>Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz verified that the meeting was properly noticed.</p> <p>Board members present: Jan Berg, Sue Esser, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Brian Coker arrived at approx. 6:25 pm and Linda Leonhart arrived at approx. 6:05 pm. Absent was: Jeff Hahn. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Sara Totten, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger and Kathy Williams.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Jan Berg recited the DeForest Area School District’s Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>A. Review DASD Board of Education Norms and Working Agreements B. Approve Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Sarr, seconded by Esser, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved, with an amendment to postpone Board Recognition until the arrival of Brian Coker.</p>
3.	<p>Announcements by the Chair</p> <p>The Board of Education may convene into Closed Session following the regular meeting, to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (consider preliminary non-renewal of teacher(s)) in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c)</p>
4.	<p>Showcasing Schools</p> <p>A. High School DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Student Presentation</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> High school students, Wyatt Anderson, Gavin Denning, Kira Fries, Carver Nelson, and Chloe Schroeder presented information on the work of the High School DECA club.</p>
5.	<p>Board Recognition</p> <p>A. Recognition of Board members Sue Esser & Brian Coker for WASB Membership</p>

	<p><u>Discussion:</u> DASD Board members Sue Esser and Brian Coker were recognized for their WASB (WI Association of School Boards) membership and attendance at Board learning opportunities.</p>
6.	<p>Board Education</p> <p>A. District 2023-2024 Budget Update and talking points for WASB Day at the Capitol, March 22, 2023</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips presented updated information on the preliminary District budget for 2023-2024. She also provided Board members who are attending the WASB Day at the Capitol with information that will help with their discussions that day.</p>
7.	<p>Board Business & possible Board action</p> <p>A. Presentation and possible approval of Board policy, R-3 Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Monitoring Report</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Director of Instruction for K-6, Kate Dabetic, and Director of Instruction 7-12, Chris Smith presented the R-3, Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Monitoring Report. Austin Hofer, College and Career Readiness Coordinator, also presented information for this report. The report was presented as in compliance, with exceptions noted.</p> <p>On a motion by Leonhart, seconded by Lewis, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept R-3, Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented, in compliance with exceptions noted. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>On a motion by Berg, seconded by Coker, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve R-3, Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented, in compliance with exceptions noted. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote</p> <p>B. Authorize Board Clerk to appoint Board of Canvassers for the Spring School Board Election on April 4, 2023</p> <p>On a motion by Berg, seconded by Sarr, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to authorize Linda Leonhart, Board Clerk, to appoint the Board of Canvassers for the Spring School Board Election on April 4, 2023. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>C. Discussion and possible approval of revisions to Board-Superintendent Relations (BS/R) Board policies</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Discussion of suggested revisions to the Board-Superintendent Relations (BS/R) policies tabled for consent agenda at next regular Board meeting.</p>

	<p>D. Review and possible approval of settlement from JUUL vaping manufacturer litigation</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board reviewed the settlement offered from the JUUL vaping manufacturer litigation. The Board approved participation in this litigation at the May 24, 2021 Board meeting.</p> <p>On a motion by Coker, seconded by Taylor, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the settlement offer from the JUUL vaping manufacturer litigation, as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
8.	Public Input - None.
9.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Accept Minutes - February 27, 2023 B. Approval of Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations for OE-4 & OE-6 C. Boys Hockey Co-Op Agreement for 2023-24 and 2024-25 <p>Taylor made a motion, Lewis seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
10.	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Personnel Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Separations: Joyce Valdez - Food Service Assistant Harvest - Resignation effective 3/9/2023 Kasie Rufflo - Recess EPES - Resignation effective 3/10/2023 Teresa Lattimer - Special Education Teacher DAHS - Retirement effective 6/7/2023 II. Leaves: Megan Dailey - 2nd Grade Teacher EPES - unpaid leave for 2023-24 school year III. Transfers: None IV. Appointments: Bart Rhoades - Custodian DAHS - replacing Ilfije Ajruli Edwin Rodriguez - Custodian DAHS - open position V. Reassignments: None VI. Other: Gretchen McClain - rescind retirement for 6/7/2023 B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 207325-207380, 222301571-222301664, 202200431-202200620 <p>Lewis made a motion, Leonhart seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
11.	<p>Community Engagement -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Discussion of upcoming Board engagement opportunities B. Board member sign up for future agenda planning
12.	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>No member of the press was present at this time.</p>

13.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Esser moved, Berg seconded, to move into closed session at 7:49 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Coker, Esser, Leonhart, Lewis, Lovick, Sarr, and Taylor. Naye – None. Absent – Hahn.</p> <p>While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c). [Consider preliminary non-renewal of teacher(s)]</p>
14.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Esser, seconded by Coker, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 8:07 pm.</p>
15.	<p>Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business</p> <p>While in Closed Session the Board approved a preliminary notice of nonrenewal for a teacher.</p>
16.	Board Debrief
17.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 8:08 pm on a motion by Lewis, seconded by Sarr, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
	DASD BOE President Signature:
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