

**DeForest Area School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 10, 2023 – 6:00 pm.**

1.	<p>Convene</p> <p>President Gail Lovick called the April 10, 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, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Absent was Brian Coker. 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>Jeff Hahn recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>A. DASD Board of Education Norms and Working Agreements B. Approve Agenda</p> <p>On a motion by Sarr, seconded by Taylor, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.</p>
3.	<p>Announcements by the Chair</p> <p>The Board may convene into Closed Session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) (Consider final non-renewal of a teacher)</p>
4.	<p>Showcasing Schools</p> <p>A. Presentation by students from the District Robotics Club</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Angela Flickinger-Pierce, Digital Technology Teacher, was present with members of the Robotics club to showcase the achievements of the club, including competing in the State Vex IQ tournament . Students from Harvest Intermediate School and the DeForest Area Middle School are involved, with over 100 students participating from grades 4-8. Students shared their experiences and demonstrated some of the robots they created.</p>
5.	<p>Board Business &amp; possible Board action</p>

	<p>A. Presentation and possible approval of OE-11 Instructional Program Monitoring Report</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Directors of Instruction &amp; Curriculum, Kate Dabetic (K-6) and Chris Smith (7-12) presented the monitoring report for Board Policy, OE-11, Instructional Program. The report was presented, as in compliance with exceptions noted.</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Leonhart, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept OE-11, Instructional Program Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented, as in compliance with exceptions noted. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Leonhart, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve OE-11, Instructional Program Board Policy Monitoring Report, as presented, as in compliance with exceptions noted. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote</p> <p>B. Review of Board Policy, OE-11 Instructional Program</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board discussed Board policy OE-11, Instructional Program and offered suggestions for the Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee to consider when reviewing the policy at their next committee meeting.</p> <p>C. Review process for Board Re-Organizational Meeting on May 8, 2023</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> The Board reviewed the process used for the re-organizational meeting, including election of Board officers. Board members will indicate interest by May 4, 2023 in a Board officer position, so that a slate of candidates will be prepared prior to the meeting on May 8.</p> <p>D. Discussion about WI State Budget Advocacy Letter sponsored by Dane County School Boards</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u>The Board discussed the WI State Budget Advocacy Letter that has been developed and sponsored by Dane County Superintendents and School Boards. The letter will be shared with WI State legislators as a way to advocate for increased funding for public schools. Consensus was to move forward with signing the letter.</p>
6.	Public Input - None.
7.	<p>Board Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Accept Minutes - March 13, 2023</li> <li>B. Approval of 2023-2024 WI School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative (WISNP) 66.0301 Agreement</li> <li>C. Approve 2023-2024 renewal of Shared Service Contract for Dane County New Teacher Project</li> <li>D. Approval of Summary Statement for R-3 Self-Directed Complex Thinkers Monitoring Report</li> </ul> <p>Esser made a motion, Lewis seconded, to approve the Board Consent Agenda, with</p>

	<p>minor grammatical changes to R-3 Summary Statement. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Superintendent Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p>I. Separations:</p> <p>Rebecca Hunter - Reading Teacher EPES - resignation effective 6/6/2023  Ben Palmer - Technology Technician - resignation effective 3/31/2023  Kelly Garrigan - Special Education Assistant EPES - retirement effective 6/6/2023  Heidi Roberts - Special Education Assistant EPES - resignation effective 3/24/2023  Haley Vogelsang - Special Education Assistant WES - retirement effective 3/10/2023  Diana Josheff - Special Education Assistant DAHS - resignation effective 3/17/2023  Bart Rhoades - Custodian DAHS - resignation effective 3/31/2023  Ashley Werrline - Special Education Assistant WES - resignation effective 3/24/2023  Angel Schmelzkopf - Custodian DAHS - resignation effective 3/30/2023  Lynn Miller - Health Room Assistant and Summer School Secretary - resignation effective 4/18/2023</p> <p>II. Leaves:</p> <p>Kristin Jackson - 5th Grade Teacher Harvest - leave for remainder of 2022-23 year effective 4/11/2023</p> <p>III. Transfers: None.</p> <p>IV. Appointments:</p> <p>Tim Drager - Health Teacher Harvest - new position  Zhuanghan Dong - School Psychologist Harvest/DAHS - new position</p> <p>V. Reassignments:</p> <p>Tara Dahlke - Speech &amp; Language Pathologist - reduce contract from a 1.0 FTE to 0.8 FTE for 2023-24 year  Rebecca Svoboda - Special Education Teacher - increase from 0.5 FTE to 1.0 FTE for 2023-24 year  Jennifer Billings - 3rd Grade Teacher EPES to Reading Teacher EPES - replacing Rebecca Hunter  Amy Andersen - Food Service Assistant DAHS to Special Education Assistant DAHS - replacing Diana Josheff  LeeAnn McDermott - Food Service Assistant DAMS to Food Service Assistant DAHS - replacing Amy Andersen</p> <p>VI. Other: None.</p> <p>B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report  Paid: 207381-207496, 222301665-222301858, 202200609-202200723</p> <p>Berg made a motion, Leonhart seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Board Calendar</p> <p>A. Review end of school year Board calendar</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Press Verification</p> <p>No member of the press was present at this time.</p>

11.	<p>Convene into Closed Session</p> <p>Hahn moved, Sarr seconded, to move into closed session at 7:39 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Esser, Hahn, Leonhart, Lewis, Lovick, Sarr, and Taylor. Naye – None. Absent – Coker.</p> <p>While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c).[Consider final non-renewal of teacher]</p>
12.	<p>Reconvene into Open Session</p> <p>On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Taylor, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 7:49 pm.</p>
13.	<p>Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business</p> <p>A. Approve the issuance of Non-Renewal of Teacher Contract per/WI Statute 19.85(1)(c)</p> <p>On a motion by Esser, seconded by Leonhart, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to issue a notice of refusal to renew the teaching contract of Tristan Robbins for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.</p>
14.	Board Debrief
15.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The Board of Education adjourned at 7:50 pm on a motion by Leonhart, seconded by Berg, and passed unanimously by voice vote.</p>
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