

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

President Jeffery Scherer called the regular meeting of the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education held at the Phoenix Middle School cafeteria to order at 7:00p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Scherer, S. Gonzalez, D. Henriott, R. Deschner, D. Grams, T. Schutt, and G. Moses (attended virtually)

Administrators Present: District Administrator J. Sorbie, Principals K. Pickel, A. Urmanski, Associate Principal B. Fossler, B. Bestul, Athletic Director G. Otte

The press was represented by Mike Hoey, *The Delavan Enterprise*.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by D. Grams to approve the agenda as presented and T. Schutt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes October 28, 2020: A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the minutes from October 28, 2020 regular/closed meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Student Council Report: None was given.

Phoenix Middle School Teaching & Learning: Principal A. Urmanski introduced Laura Prado, ELL and Dual Language teacher at Phoenix who reviewed Spanish and English Language Arts, Guiding Principles of Dual Language, and curriculum based instruction in close and closed reading.

District Kudos: District Administrator J. Sorbie reported that before the inservice day on November 6 the staff did share-out recognition to other staff members in the district. There were 195 different share-outs during the November inservice.

Citizen Comments: Resident Megan Riviere addressed the Board.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the Manifest of Bills dated November 9, 2020; gifts/grants for \$8,700.00 of various instruments and music stands for DDHS band program from an anonymous donor, \$250.00 for FFA activities from Compeer Financial, Burlington, WI, \$280.00 for FFA activities from Delavan Culver's, Delavan, WI, \$500.00 for FFA activities from Good Steward Consulting LLC on behalf of Darien Solar Farm, \$375.00 for trees around Turtle Creek playground from American Transmission Company, LLC; and new staff contract for the 2020-2021 school year for Hannah Becke – business education teacher.

Referendum Update: District Administrator J. Sorbie provided the Board with the Board of Canvassers breakdown of voting by the nine municipalities in the school district. The votes were 4,896 yes and 3,369 no. Board President J. Scherer thanked Dr. Sorbie and staff for the excellent effort in getting the facilities referendum passed. It was a very strong yes from the community.

Facilities Upgrades: District Administrator J. Sorbie stated that we will now start the process of finalizing the details of the preliminary plans. Board member Dave Henriott will be the board member representative. Dr. Sorbie also stated that coaches have also reached out to be a part of the planning process. Dr. Sorbie stated that hopefully the project will be completed in early fall depending on the weather and sporting events are being scheduled for later in the fall season.

DDHS Winter Sports: Athletic Director G. Otte recapped the fall sports season. He stated that out of the six sports five were affected by Covid but got all their seasons completed. Dr. Otte reviewed the Winter Sports Guidelines for the Southern Lakes Conference and added that five out of the eight schools in the conference are in Racine and Kenosha County and it is suspected their public health departments will close down their schools after Thanksgiving. That would cause the schedules to change dramatically. A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by S. Gonzalez to move forward with winter sports with the recommendation of cancellation if Walworth County Health Department issues recommendation. The motion carried on a vote of 6-1 with G. Moses opposing.

Face Coverings: District Administrator J. Sorbie stated that Governor Evers' mask mandate ends November 21 and if he doesn't issue another one we will need to determine what the district will do after that deadline. Dr. Sorbie surveyed the staff and reported the results. Hopefully the Governor makes a new mandate or the county does before the expiration. Her recommendation would be to continue what we have been doing, even with the pushback to reduce the spread due to the numbers being significantly high and to protect everyone. A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by S. Gonzalez to continue to require face coverings in all schools until further notice. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Financial Statement for Month Ending October 31, 2020: Business Administrator A. Klein reviewed the financial statement. Operating cash on hand \$1,706,414.82, funds accessed on business line of credit \$0.00 and net operating funds of \$1,706,414.82. The purchasing card usage for the month ending September 30, 2020 was \$25,500.15. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the financial statement dated October 31, 2020. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reader Farm Land Rental Agreement: A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Grams to set the per tillable acre cash rental price of the former J. Reader Family Trust farm, a/k/a/ the "Triangle Lot" at the Walworth County average of \$181.00 and offer Del Prairie Stock Farm, Inc. an opportunity to lease the land for the 2021 calendar year. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PI-1505 Annual Report: District Administrator J. Sorbie presented for information only the PI-1505 Annual Report for the 2019-2020 school year.

Parent Transportation Contracts: A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the revised 2020-21 parent transportation contracts as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Safety Drill Evaluation Approval: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by T. Schutt that the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education has reviewed and certify that a written evaluation of each hard lockdown/imminent threat drill for all Delavan-Darien School District buildings in the district has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Education. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Start College Now and ECCP Applications: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to approve with administrator suggestions the Start College Now and ECCP applications for spring 2021. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Second Reading NEOLA Board Policy 0167.3 Public Comments: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the second reading of NEOLA Board Policy 0167.3. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Updated Job Description for Marketing & Communications Coordinator: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the updated job description for the Marketing & Communications Coordinator. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

2020-2021 DDEA Agreement: District Administrator J. Sorbie stated that at the last meeting the Board approved the Agreement, but we needed to add verbiage that the amount will be dispersed to all 2019-2020 returning staff, so that is the only addition from last meeting. A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the revised 2020-2021 DDEA agreement. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Teachers on Call Substitutes: District Administrator J. Sorbie presented information on current Teacher on Call substitute rates. A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Henriott that for the 2020-2021 school year to be competitive to fill teacher absences we will increase the rate to \$135.00 per day. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

District Administrator Report: District Administrator J. Sorbie had nothing further to share.

Future Agenda Items: None

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – December 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – Phoenix Middle School
Regular Meeting – January 11, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – Phoenix Middle School

A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by T. Schutt to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss and take action, if appropriate, on employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, i.e. employee grievance. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes.

The Board went into closed session at 9:04 p.m. and held discussion.

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to reconvene into open session at 9:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Henriott to approve Shana Lewis recommendation for the Impartial Hearing Officer. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

There being no further business, a motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:07p.m.