

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
MARCH 8, 2021**

Vice President Sharon Gonzalez 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: D. Henriott, R. Deschner, D. Grams, T. Schutt, S. Gonzalez, G. Moses

Board Members Absent: J. Scherer

Administrators Present: District Administrator J. Sorbie, Business Administrator A. Klein, Principals K. Pickel, A. Urmanski, Associate Principals B. Fossler, B. Bestul

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

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

Approval of Minutes February 8, 2021: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the minutes from February 8, 2021 regular/closed session meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Student Council Report: President Breanna Yartey reported that the blood drive collected 72 donations to save 216 lives. Campaign elections will start in April and they will be working on teacher appreciation days May 3-7.

DDHS Wrestling Team & Coaches: Head coach Clay Nelson stated that this was the second team in school history to be conference champions. He introduced the wrestlers who participated at the state tournament and thanked the parents and board for doing what needed to be done in order for the students to participate in sports during a global pandemic. Congratulation wrestlers!

National Merit Scholarship Finalists: District Administrator introduced Michael Cobb and Breanna Yartey as our National Merit Scholarship finalists. Congratulations!

Technical Excellence Scholarship Finalists: District Administrator introduced Gracie Laue and Frederick Zomer as our Technical Excellence Scholarship finalists. Congratulations!

Darien Elementary Teaching & Learning: Principal K. Pickel introduced teachers Tom Kanoff, Kelly Krober, and Sherry Chelminiak. They presented information on the Darien specials of physical education, art, music, and computers.

DDHS Teaching & Learning: CTE Coordinator and teachers Mike Rick, Tom DuVal and Rob Prager presented information on the DDHS technology education program pathways, courses, and opportunities.

District Kudos: District Administrator J. Sorbie shared the district kudos from the February 22 inservice with the Board.

Citizen Comments: No comments.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the Manifest of Bills dated March 8, 2021; gifts/grants of \$19,987.90 Wisconsin Fast Forward Technical Education Equipment Grant from Dept. of Workforce Development; staff resignation for the 2021-2022 school year for Susan Anderson – District library media specialist/robotics; and staff retirement for the 2021-2022 school year for Jeffrey McKinney – maintenance/custodian. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 voice vote.

Financial Statement for Month Ending February 28, 2021: Business Administrator A. Klein reviewed the financial statement for month ending February 28, 2021. Operating cash on hand was \$7,802,273.66, funds accessed on business line of credit \$0.00 and net operating funds \$7,802,273.66. The purchasing card usage for the month ending January 31, 2021 was \$35,441.63. A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the financial statement for month ending February 28, 2021. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 voice vote.

Update on School Facilities Referendum Refinancing Bonds: Business Administrator A. Klein stated that through the authority provided by the Parameters Resolution, the District's Administrative Team recently authorized the sale of \$6.350M in General Obligation Refunding Bonds at a true interest rate of 2.27%. In addition, the District received a \$150,000 premium on the sale of these bonds, which will allow it to fully payoff the \$6.5M Bond Anticipation Notice on 4/28/2021. As a result of the increased flexibility provided by the Parameters Resolution, the District anticipates saving slightly over \$2.487M through the life of the loan. The District had assumed interest rates may be as high as 4% so this 2.27% interest rate will give the District a huge savings.

Approve Asphalt Project Bids: Business Administrator A. Klein reported that the Business Office sent out RFP 2021-002 which requested bids on three asphalt projects – Turtle Creek Circle Drive Project, Turtle Creek Seal Coat Project, and Phoenix Project. The asphalt in these areas are severely deteriorated. Mr. Klein stated that we would not do the seal coating project with the RFP. A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Henriott to approve Wolf Paving Co. Inc. bid for the Turtle Creek Circle Drive and Phoenix project. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 voice vote.

Technical Excellence Scholarship: District Administrator J. Sorbie reviewed the Technical Excellence Scholarship program with the Board. A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by D. Grams that for 2020-2021 school year, DDHS nominates Gracie Laue and Fredrick Zomer for the Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship and there is an alternate if needed. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 voice vote.

K-4 NWEA Math Achievement Data: District Administrator J. Sorbie reviewed the K-4 NWEA Math achievement data with the Board.

Comet Summer Camp Offerings: District Administrator J. Sorbie reviewed the offerings for our Comet Summer Camp for two sessions beginning June 14. A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the Comet Summer Camp offerings as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 voice vote.

Second Reading NEOLA Board Policy Updates: 0100,0131.1,0143.2,0144.4,0144.5,0145,1211,1213,2411,2416,2416.01,2430,2522,3112,3213,3220,3340,3531,4112,4213,4340,4531,5113,5511,5517.01,5540.01,5830,5895,6605,6610,7230,7550,8405,8451,9130,9700,9700.01: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by G. Moses to approve the second reading for the NEOLA Board Policy updates. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 voice vote.

District Administrator Report: District Administrator J. Sorbie updated the Board that Kunes Country has donated \$13,000 for a new scoreboards for Phoenix Middle School gymnasium, \$10,500 for two rotary lifts for the DDHS auto department, and \$40,000 for a double-sided high resolution illuminated sign on Hwy 11. Mr. Kunes and his daughter have been very supportive and generous to the school district and we deeply appreciate their generosity. Dr. Sorbie reviewed maintenance projects that would be done during spring break and throughout the summer. Dr. Sorbie also updated the Board on conversations with Dousman Transport about transportation for next school year and beyond. She stated that next school year the buses will be dropping off students at the buildings 15-20 minutes later. There would be a grab and go breakfast for elementary /middle school students instead of playground activities.

Agenda Items: None

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – April 12, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. – Phoenix Middle School
Regular Meeting – May 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – Phoenix Middle School

A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by R. Deschner 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 data of teachers. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes.

The Board went into closed session at 8:58p.m.

The Board held discussions in closed session. A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by D. Grams to reconvene into open session at 10:05p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 vote.

A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the resignation of special education teacher Samantha Trimberger effective March 8, 2021 upon payment of liquidated damages. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 vote.

A motion was made by R. Deschner and seconded by D. Henriott that any sick leave absences due to Covid vaccine shots, prior to the District start date for Covid vaccines, will fall into sick leave absences versus Covid leave absences. The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with G. Moses against.

There being no further business, a motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by R. Deschner to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the regular meeting adjourned at 10:06p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Sharon Gonzalez, Vice President