

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
JANUARY 14, 2019**

President Jeffery Scherer called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Scherer, S. Gonzalez, R. Deschner, D. Grams

Board Member Absent: J. Andreoni, G. Moses

Administrators Present: J. Sorbie

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Grams to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss and take action, if appropriate, for the purpose of discussing employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of District Administrator and Director of Curriculum. The motion carried unanimously.

No motions were made in closed session.

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Grams to adjourn the closed session. The motion carried unanimously and the closed session ended at 6:53p.m.

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

Board Members Present: J. Scherer, S. Gonzalez, R. Deschner, D. Grams

Board Members Absent: J. Andreoni, G. Moses

Administrators Present: Superintendent J. Sorbie, Business Administrator A. Klein, Director of Pupil Service M. Burke, Athletic Director G. Otte

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

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the December 10, 2018 regular/closed session meeting were unanimously approved on a Deschner/Grams motion.

Student Council Report: President Elizabeth Sirkman reported that winter week is coming up on January 28 to February 1. She stated they would be trying to get more student teacher participation for winter week like they did for Homecoming. There would be hallway decorating, assembly winter games, and a lip sync contest for students and teachers. The senior committee will be working on fundraising for their picnic and school gift and are thinking of doing coins for teacher to get a pie in the face and other items for the February 2 Sadie Hawkins dance. After winter week they will be focusing on their blood drive.

District Kudos: Superintendent J. Sorbie gave kudos to Sandee Ortiz for presenting at the 2018 Wisconsin Health and Physical Education convention on "Pursuing the National Board". Second kudos went to DDHS teachers Marty Speth, Jodi Scott, and Jackie Jordan for helping 90 students earn Gateway college credits saving \$34,686.70 for the 2017-18 school year. Third kudos went to high school counselors Kelly O'Connell and Adam Shade for a successful freshman orientation night for parents and

students. Fourth kudos went to Helen Guererro for translating for Spanish speaking community members attending board meetings.

Citizens Comments: Resident Andy Terpstra spoke to the board about a resolution to commit \$500,000 from the referendum funds to the general fund reserves, to consider hiring an independent comptroller, and allocate more of the district budget to rebuild general fund reserves.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by R. Deschner to accept gifts to the district of \$250 for an orchestra scholarship from Delavan Lions Club, Delavan and non-faculty co-curricular contract for the 2018-2019 school year for Miguel Sanson – assistant wrestling DDHS. The motion carried unanimously.

District Administrator/Director of Curriculum Contract Addendum: Board President J. Scherer stated that all six board members had a closed session meeting on January 2 to discuss Dr. Sorbie's contract and it was a unanimous consent to amend the contract to remove the interim title and add permanent District Administrator. He stated that she will continue to be Director of Curriculum also and the contract will end June 30, 2020 with the same salary as before. President Scherer stated that board member D. Grams has worked on an evaluation tool with goals and items the board will be working with Dr. Sorbie on throughout the year. A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the contract addendum as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statement for Month Ending December 31, 2018: Business Administrator A. Klein reviewed the financial statement. A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the financial statement for month ending December 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Designate Number of Regular Ed and Special Ed Open Enrollment Spaces Available for 2019-2020 School Year: Director of Pupil Services/Special Education M. Burke summarized the purpose of designating seats for open enrollment. D. Grams moved that in grades 3K-12 we approve all regular education open enrollment student applications for the 2019-2020 school year. S. Gonzalez seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. S. Gonzalez moved that in grades 3K-12 we approve 2 student open enrollment applications at the elementary level and 2 student open enrollment applications at the secondary level with special education needs at a weighted level no higher than the moderate level based due to caseload sizes and space availability. D. Grams seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. D. Grams moved that in grades 3K-12 we deny all open enrollment applications of students who qualify to receive special education services with a weighted level of extensive or higher due to space, service availability, and caseload sizes. S. Gonzalez seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Renewal Girls' Swimming Co-Op with Wisconsin School for the Deaf: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the renewal of girls' swimming co-op with Wisconsin School for the Deaf for the next two years. The motion carried unanimously.

WASB Resolutions for State Education Convention: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Grams to give Ron Deschner the district proxy for voting. The motion carried unanimously.

School Calendar for the 2019-2020 School Year: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Parent Transportation Contract: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the parent transportation contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding: Board President J. Scherer stated that the document from the Blue Ribbon Commission on Recommendations of the Commission was very interesting reading. Superintendent J. Sorbie asked the board members to read through the document thoroughly and find two recommendations that would impact our district. Dr. Sorbie reminded the board that these were recommendations only and that they have to go through the legislators.

Board Vacancy – Candidate Selection – Interview Date: Board President J. Scherer stated that three applicants had sent in their interest for the board vacancy with two of them also filing to run in the April election. President Scherer stated that it would be more logical to interview the two running in the April election than to appoint someone for 2 or 3 months. A motion was made by R. Deschner and seconded by S. Gonzalez to interview Tiffany Schutt and David Henriott. The motion carried unanimously. President Scherer asked for interview dates to be sent out to board members and decided from there. He would like to hold interviews before the end of January.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent J. Sorbie reported that a new backup appliance had been installed and that Brandon Curless had renegotiated for the network backup system worth \$25,000 and we received it at no cost. Dr. Sorbie stated that we look for every possible way to be fiscally responsible. Dr. Sorbie reported that from February through June every first Friday from 8:30-10:30am Fort Atkinson will be hosting state legislators for a breakfast meeting. She would like to take two different board members each month to go and talk to the legislators. This is where we can use the talking points from the Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations to help them understand the needs of the district. Superintendent Sorbie reviewed the alternative open enrollment applications for the month.

Future Agenda Items: None

Next Meeting Date: January 17, 2019 – Special meeting 6:00 p.m.
January 28, 2019 – Regular meeting – 6:30 p.m./7:00 p.m.
February 11, 2019 – Regular meeting – 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by R. Deschner and seconded by D. Grams to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President