

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

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. Andreoni, J. Scherer, S. Gonzalez, R. Deschner, D. Grams, T. Schutt, G. Moses (arrived at 7:50p.m.)

Administrators Present: Superintendent J. Sorbie, Business Administrator A. Klein, Director of Pupil Service M. Burke, Coordinator of Careers and Occupations K. Pickel

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

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the January 2, 2019 special/closed session meetings and the January 14, 2019 regular meeting, January 17, 2019 special/closed session meetings, and January 29, 2019 special/closed session meeting were unanimously approved on a Gonzalez/Deschner motion.

Student Council Report: Representative Trent Hernandez reported to the board that despite only two days of school during winter week, the students were able to decorate main hallways in the school and hold the assembly with lip sync battles which were very entertaining. The dance was held and approximately 160 kids attended. The next item will be a blood drive on March 7 from 8-1pm and they are looking for 88 donations.

District Kudos: Superintendent J. Sorbie gave kudos to Jennifer Bayerl, Joan Guzman, and Donna Berg for organizing a visit from the Lake Geneva Symphony to the elementary schools. Second kudos went to Julie Ropers-Rosendahl and Tammy Fumall for the great drama performance by Phoenix Middle School of Aladdin Jr. Third kudos went to Jodi Scott for working with 20 students to get certified in Microsoft Office as students finish there is an opportunity of claiming \$1,000 back for the program.

Citizens Comments: Resident Andy Terpstra spoke to the board about selling land the district owns along the freeway, a resolution to commit \$500,000 from the referendum funds to the general fund reserves, and why the district continues to borrow money.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the manifest of bills and accept the resignation of Holly Sienza special education teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 vote.

Financial Statement for Month Ending January 31, 2019: Business Administrator A. Klein reviewed the financial statement. Mr. Klein stated that operating cash on hand is \$2,682,290.59, funds accessed on business line of credit -\$2,000,000.00 and net operating funds at \$682,290.59 and the purchasing card usage for the month ending January 31, 2019 was \$56,968.66. A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the financial statement for month ending January 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 vote.

Sponsorship Guide: Superintendent J. Sorbie stated that she, A. Klein, G. Otte, and board member D. Grams had been working on a sponsorship guide since June. They received permission to use a sponsorship guide from Jefferson/Ft. Atkinson to start from. Dr. Sorbie stated that is basically comes down to how do we get businesses to sponsor with us and help us fund projects instead of going out to

the taxpayers. The purpose of the guide is to start offering sponsorships for people that want to do advertising and for that they will donate to the school. This is your first reading and time to ask questions about the sponsorship guide. Dr. Sorbie said that this is a document that will continue to evolve from year to year. Board questions were asked and answered. The board gave Dr. Sorbie direction to send the sponsorship guide to our attorney to make sure it is all legal under the law and then bring back at the February 25th meeting for final approval.

Early Learning Center: Superintendent J. Sorbie stated that a survey had gone out with 44 families responding with a total of 53 children interested. Approximately 18 children wanted half or full day care for birth to two age; 11 children age two to three and 16 children age three to four with 8 children requesting drop off as necessary and we feel that is too tough to staff and we would talk with those families further. Director of Pupil Services M. Burke spoke about child care licensing and YoungStar quality rating system. Business Administrator A. Klein reviewed a very preliminary budget. Dr. Sorbie reviewed the pros of district run center or a 3rd party run center. The board asked questions and approved the administration to continue to look into this further and bring back more detailed financial information.

Aligning Elementary Schools: Superintendent J. Sorbie spoke to the board about issues and concerns with the current building alignments, the benefits of realignment and a proposed realignment plan for the 2019-2020 school year. A motion was made by D. Grams to reopen Darien Elementary as Darien Intermediate School for grades 3-4 for the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. T. Schutt seconded the motion and the motion carried on a 7-0 unanimous vote. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez to move all Early Childhood through grade 2 to Turtle Creek Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. D. Grams seconded the motion and the motion carried on a 7-0 unanimous vote.

2019-2020 School Fees: Superintendent J. Sorbie reviewed with the board that the district is low on school fees compared to the surrounding school districts. She stated that overall we spend far more than what we currently charge per student on the cost of personal use items, textbook rental and consumable materials and have not raised student fees for approximately two decades. A motion was made by J. Andreoni to raise school fees for the 2019-2020 school year to 4K\$10 unless full day then \$20, 5K-4 \$20, middle school \$35, high school \$45 and parking passes will be \$25 per semester. R. Deschner seconded the motion and the motion passed on a 7-0 unanimous vote.

Farm Lease Agreement: A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the farm lease agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

First Reading NEOLA Board Policy Updates 1130,1400,1422,1662,2260,2270,2420,2700.01,3120, 3122,3139,3140,3143(delete),3230,3362,4122,4230,4362,5111,5113,5114,5341,5512,2261.01,5517, 6150,6220,6235,6440,6520,8330,9140,9150: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Grams to approve the first reading NEOLA board policy updates. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent J. Sorbie stated that she and Mr. Klein will be meeting with Representative Amy Loudbeck on Friday to share what are district needs are and to give her a tour of our buildings. Dr. Sorbie also reported that a representative for Tyler August has reached out and she will be setting up a meeting with him also. Dr. Sorbie reported that three out of the 5 strategic planning groups have met and it has started off very good. She reported that due to the cancelled school days she has given permission to Clay Nelson and Guy Otte to reschedule athletic events on Wednesday nights. She also stated that there will be four administrators attending a recruitment fair in Madison on Thursday to recruit teachers and we will start to post positions next week.

Future Agenda Items: None

Next Meeting Date: February 25, 2019 – Regular meeting – 6:30 p.m./7:00 p.m.
March 11, 2019 – Regular meeting – 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by R. Deschner to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) to discuss disciplinary data of students. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

No motions were made in closed session.

There being no further business, a motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Grams to adjourn the closed session meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:00p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President