

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN  
DECEMBER 8, 2014**

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. Hansen, J. Scherer, J. Peyer, R. Kelton, S. Logterman, S. Gonzalez, C. Kort

**Administrators Present:** Superintendent R. Crist, Business Administrator M. Powell, Director of Curriculum C. Rund, Director of Bilingual and School Coordinator R. Sandoval, Principals K. Pickel, M. Schmitt, and H. Schmelz, Technology Coordinator B. Curless, School and Public Relations M. Heine

The press was represented by Mike Hoey, *Delavan Enterprise*, and Cathy Idzerda, *Janesville Gazette*.

**Student Council Report:** Leticia Rizo reported to the board on the Veteran's Day assembly and that they are working on the Lip Dub video route and music for it. She reported that Student Council donated \$50.00 to volunteer Mrs. Lee for the volunteer program crafts for kids. They are working on holiday door decorating contests and winter week that will be February 2-7.

**Recognition DDHS Boy's Division 3 State Soccer Championship:** The Board of Education and administration recognized the 2014 Division 3 Boy's State Soccer champions with special designed plaques and their WIAA plaques. Congratulations for all your efforts on and off the soccer field.

**Minutes Approved:** The minutes of the November 10, 2014 closed and regular session meetings, and the November 18, 2014 closed session meeting were unanimously approved on a Hansen/Gonzalez motion.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Technology Update:** Technology Coordinator B. Curless provided an update on the phone system, network system, back-up generator, Chromebook testing update, Infinite Campus and Erate information to the board.

**Technology Apps Available w/Digital Citizenship Focus:** Technology Coordinator B. Curless and Tech Integrators M. Grunske and D. Hall (via Google Hangout live video) presented an Administration led plan to make more websites and web-based applications (for iPads and Chromebooks) available to staff and students. This will increase the online access to resources teachers need to make classroom learning more engaging and impactful. It will also give students more access to programs and websites that can increase their learning. A big focus of this plan is to introduce frequent lessons on "Digital Citizenship," which is intended to give students the training they need to have appropriate online experiences. Staff will also have numerous opportunities to receive training from our Integration team on a variety of topics, from Google Drive features, to ideas and theories for a 1:1 classroom, to various website applications to enhance learning (Prezi, YouTube, Kahoot, Piktochart, PowToons, etc.). One-on-one trainings can also be arranged and the integrators will be providing regular tech tips (emails, infographics, etc.). Those trainings will start in January. Another component, in addition to teaching students and staff about tech, will be teaching parents about tech. Dr. Crist said plans are being

developed to also have parent workshops. This will help make parents aware of digital citizenship and give them ideas on how to help their students with their online experiences.

**Consent Agenda:** The board unanimously approved a motion by S. Logterman and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the Manifest of Bills dated December 8, 2014; the Treasurer's Report Summary for November 30, 2014 dated December 8, 2014; gifts/grants of \$100 for DDHS New York Choir Trip from The Dance Factory, Inc. – Delavan, Mode Industries, Inc. – Delavan, Goes Lithographing Co. – Delavan, Stephen & Victoria Loudon – Delavan, \$250 for DDHS New York Choir Trip from Community Bank Delavan and Micro Precision – Delavan, \$500 for DDHS New York Choir Trip from Mary Kilkenny (Keefe Real Estate) Delavan and 49 coats for Wileman Elementary from Golden State Foods Foundation - Whitewater; new staff contracts for the 2014-15 school year for Lindey Peterson – computers/math Phoenix and Henry Johnson, Jr. – interim Athletic Director DDHS; and non-faculty co-curricular contracts for the 2014-15 school year for Kali Prouty – Pom Dance Winter DDHS, Jeff Meyers – assistant wrestling DDHS, Avery Rios – assistant boys basketball DDHS, Jake Rios – volunteer boys basketball DDHS, Eric Bryson – volunteer boys basketball DDHS, Alex Larsen – volunteer boys basketball DDHS, Natalie Buhler – volunteer girls basketball DDHS, Bill Alberts – volunteer girls basketball DDHS, David Rhone – volunteer Destination Imagination and Laura Sawyer – volunteer Destination Imagination.

**Phoenix Rake & Run Report:** Phoenix Middle School Counselor, Mr. Steve Gross, reported to the board that about 25 students took part in giving back to the community in a rake and run. Mr. Gross explained that inquiries were sent out to area residents if they would want their leaves raked free of charge. The students raked for about two and half hours with rakes donated by Walmart and Lowes. It was the first time some of these students had the opportunity to rake leaves. It was a great opportunity for the students to give back to the community and the community was thankful for their help.

**Comet Care Report:** Phoenix Middle School Counselor, Mr. Steve Gross, has coordinated efforts with the high school to start a Comet Care Center as Phoenix Middle School. The Comet Care Center provides donated materials free of charge to students and district families in need, including such items as toiletries, jackets and clothing items, and school supplies. All materials in the Comet Care Center are donated to the district. Families can express their need to any school's main office administrators. Often times, staff will notice a student's need and provide the items they can as quickly as possible. Phoenix Middle School will be the hub to collect the donations and times will be set up for dropping off donations. They are also collecting shopping bags to put the items in for the students.

**DDHS String Choir Overnight Trip:** A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by S. Logterman to approve the DDHS String Choir overnight trip to the University of Iowa as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Dual Language Report:** Director of Bilingual and School Coordinator R. Sandoval shared results from the CPAA testing of dual language students. He also reported that he is applying for a grant to provide a teacher to teach Mandarin Chinese.

**Science and Literacy Integration Grant Summary:** Director of Bilingual and School Coordinator R. Sandoval shared that he has been working with UW-Whitewater C&I department to develop classes specific to dual language instruction and Spanish literacy instruction. Mr. Sandoval reported that after a year of conversations the grant was written and the project involves Delavan-Darien, Beloit and

Whitewater School Districts. Ms. Melanie Schneider from UW-Whitewater submitted the grant and the project for the 2014-15 school year received \$100,460.00. The project is renewable for two more years if we re-apply. The total costs of the project, over the three-year period, are \$301,380.00 for the professional development, mentoring and science lab materials it provides.

**District MAP Summary Report:** Director of Instruction C. Rund reported on the district MAP summary report information mean RIT scores. The achievement target for the mid-year assessments is to increase the mean RIT score for classes that scored under the Beginning-of-Year mean in Reading and Mathematics.

**Library/Technology Program Turtle Creek:** Superintendent Crist reported that we had a resignation in this position and the other part-time employee has been covering. Dr. Crist recently approved hiring that person full-time as the school needs constant support for the students.

**Referendum Resolution/Date:** Superintendent Crist told the board we can try again in February during the spring primary or in the regular April election. Should the county not have a spring primary we would be paying the costs of running the election in February. Legal counsel has advised us that there are criteria to be met, but we would be able to close some of the smaller polling places to decrease the costs. The board unanimously agreed we need the revenue to avoid harmful cuts to education for our students. It was discussed to reduce the number of years to two years instead of three and leave the amount the same. A motion was made by R. Kelton to go to referendum in February 2015 for 1.25 million each year for a period of two years on a non-recurring basis. The motion was seconded by S. Logterman. A roll call vote of all ayes from Logterman, Kelton, Peyer, Gonzalez, Scherer, Hansen and Kort was made. Motion passed 7-0.

**Digital Kiosk SkoolLive:** Coordinator of School/Community Relations M. Heine made a presentation to the board about exploring the idea of adding interactive touch-screen kiosks to all the schools. The kiosks are free for the district and offer the district an opportunity to increase revenue and provide information to our school visitors. The company — SkoolLive — sells ads to national companies and organizations (movie studios, apparel, higher education, etc.) which are displayed on the kiosks when they're not in use. The districts that have the kiosks get a percentage of the ad revenues. We also get to see the ads and reject them (conditions apply) prior to them being placed on the screen. We can also sell local ads and also some merchandise (school-branded items) to generate additional revenues. The company estimates proceeds of about \$20,000/year based on 10 kiosks in our schools (4 at DDHS, 3 at Phoenix, 1 each in the elementary schools). We control the interactive content that is school related (maps, calendar of events, announcements, shout-outs, etc.). If we do this, we'll be one of the first districts in the state to have them.

**Flexible Spending Benefit Plan:** Business Administrator M Powell reported that the flexible benefit plan offers employees the opportunity to allocate pre-tax dollars to cover health/dental and dependent care costs. All employees who work 20 hours or more hours and are eligible for the District's health insurance may participate in the plan. A motion was made J. Peyer and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the flexible spending benefit plan resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Parent Transportation Contracts for the 2014-15 School Year:** A motion was made by S. Logterman and seconded by J. Hansen to approve the two parent transportation contracts as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Alternative Outgoing Open Enrollment Applications:** A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Kelton to deny the outgoing alternative applications. The motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Crist asked Cathy Idzerda of *The Janesville Gazette* to talk about her visit to the dual language classrooms. Ms. Idzerda observed our classes and would encourage everyone to go visit one of these dual language classrooms. It is astonishing to see four-year-olds understanding and working on dual languages. She told the audience that she had talked to people in Woodstock, IL on their dual language program and ½ of the incoming kindergarteners are picking the dual language choice and they have 430 incoming kindergarteners. She said that the realtors in Woodstock have been promoting it and that it is a good promotional tool for families with younger children. She will be doing an article on the Delavan-Darien dual language program.

Superintendent Crist reported that we have phenomenal district staff that are working long hours to stay abreast of all the initiatives and that is not an easy task. The staff is working hard to achieve what everyone wants them to do and the results are coming along but not where we want them to be. The cut scores have changed several times since we started and they are a moving target that we keep trying to accomplish higher scores on. This is the new culture that we live in for education.

**Future Agenda Items:** None

**Next Meeting Date:** Regular Meeting – January 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by J. Hansen and seconded by J. Peyer to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Karen Logterman, Secretary

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Jeffery Scherer, President