

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
JANUARY 11, 2016**

Vice President Steve Logterman called the regular meeting of the School District of Delavan-Darien Board of Education to order held at the School Administration Office at 7:00p.m.

Board members present: J. Hansen, S. Logterman, J. Andreoni, S. Gonzalez, R. Kelton, C. Kort

Board members absent: J. Scherer

Administrators Present: Superintendent R. Crist, Business Administrator M. Powell, Director of Pupil Services S. Halberg, Director of Instruction D. Erdmann, Director of Bilingual and School Coordinator R. Sandoval, Principals K. Pickel, R. Schneider

The press was represented by Mike Hoey, Delavan Enterprise.

Minutes Approve: The minutes of the December 14, 2015 regular/closed meeting were unanimously approved on a Kelton/Andreoni motion.

Student Council Report: No report given – unable to attend.

Citizen Comments: Kirsten Andreoni, teacher and parent in district, spoke to the board regarding the educational structure concerns.

Consent Agenda: The board unanimously approved a motion by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Hansen to approve the Manifest of Bills dated January 11, 2016; the Treasurer's Report Summary for December 31, 2015 dated January 11, 2016; gifts/grants 80 bags filled with breakfast items for needy families during holiday break from Lakeland Community Church of Lake Geneva, \$1,500 for Call A Comet Program from Pentair Foundation, \$223 for 6 Drive Medical Deluxe Folding Exercise Peddlers for dual language Kindergarten Turtle Creek from DonorsChoose.org, \$1,000 for dual language kindergarten Turtle Creek field trip to Discovery World Museum from Kohl's Corp., \$1,000 for first grade Turtle Creek field trip to Milwaukee county Zoo from Kohl's Corp., and \$1,000 for first grade Turtle Creek field trip to Milwaukee Art Museum from Kohl's Corp.; staff resignation for the 2015-16 school year for Mary Daher, special education teacher Darien; staff retirement for the 2015-16 school year for Peggy Behrens, third grade teacher Turtle Creek; new staff contracts for the 2015-16 school year for Cameron Hibbs, special education teacher and Stacey Schultz, special education teacher; non-faculty co-curricular contracts for the 2015-16 school year for Karissa Rothkopf – volunteer Destination Imagination, Maria Trost – volunteer Destination Imagination, and Nicole Bowen – volunteer Destination Imagination.

Audit Report for the 2014-15 School Year: The auditor was unable to attend and tabled until the February meeting.

Second Reading Board Policy 9270: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Hansen to approve the second reading of Board Policy 9270. The motion passed on a vote of 5-1 with R. Kelton voting no.

First Reading Board Policy 5113.01: C. Kort made a motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy 5113.01 as recommended. R. Kelton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

First Reading Board Policy 5113: S. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy 5113 as recommended. J. Hansen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Designate Open Enrollment Number of Regular Ed and Special Ed Spaces Available for the 2016-17 School Year: Superintendent R. Crist recommended to the board that the open enrollment number of regular education seats would be 40 per grade level. The open enrollment number of special education seats would be 2 per grade for grades EC, 4K, K, 1st and 4th with 1 per grade for grades 3, and 5-12th. A motion was made by J. Hansen and seconded by J. Andreoni to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Revenue Limits – Education Property Taxes Legislator Letter: Superintendent R. Crist reported to the board that he rewrote the letter with more definitive measures based on our district and not all school districts would qualify for the use of the increased revenue limits. The letter has been mailed to all government representatives and Governor Walker. The board would like to resubmit this next year to the WASB delegate assembly for consideration at the state convention.

WASB Resolutions for State Convention: A motion was made by C. Kort and seconded by J. Hansen to give Roxann Kelton the district proxy for voting. The motion carried unanimously.

FAB LAB Project – Grant Resolution of Support of Project: Superintendent Crist told the board that the district is applying for FAB LAB Project Grant for up to \$75,000 and part of the requirement is that the district will do matching funds of \$25,000 toward the grant. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Hansen to approve the grant application resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Educational Structure Concerns/Boundaries (Discussion Only): Superintendent Crist and board members reviewed educational structure concerns. Discussion took place.

Year Round School: Superintendent Crist contacted the Department of Public Instruction and their concern is that time off from school is similar from break to break for their approval. Dr. Crist said that a lot of parents go to Mexico in December to end of January and we could have a break then and save on energy costs with less heating in the buildings. There would still be a need to provide for the high school athletic events so a portion of school could be heated for practice and games. Dr. Crist will continue to look at calendars that are used in year round school. Board member C. Kort stated that teachers are saying we need this and we need to listen.

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

DDHS Softball Tournament Overnight Request: A motion was made by J. Hansen and seconded by J. Andreoni to approve a DDHS softball overnight tournament for April 15 and 16, 2016 in the Wisconsin Dells. The motion carried 5-1 with S. Gonzalez abstaining.

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Crist reported that this month there are no incoming/outgoing alternative open enrollment applications. Dr. Crist reported that he had been in contact with Michael Thompson, Deputy State Superintendent, and told him that we are not going to administer state exams to students who don't have a good grasp of the English language unless they have a Spanish or native language version of the tests. These tests are a waste of time in a language they don't understand. This affects our test scores that are being published. Board member C. Kort applauded the decision. Dr. Crist further mentioned that the worst part is the students' self-esteem when they don't do well on the testing because they can't understand it. It is just wrong on so many levels for students.

Future Agenda Items: Educational structure and concerns, board policy second readings, board will vote in March on school structure and if everyone doesn't want this model please give us a model that will deal with these concerns we have to address

Next meeting Date: Regular Meeting – February 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by J. Hansen and seconded by R. Kelton to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Steve Logterman, Vice President