

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

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, J. Andreoni, R. Kelton, S. Gonzalez, D. Reinhart, S. Logterman, C. Kort

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

The press was represented by Mike Hoey, Delavan Enterprise.

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular/closed session meeting were unanimously approved on a Kelton/Andreoni motion.

Student Council Report: President Cassidy Dodge reported to the board that winter week was finished and 126 tickets were sold for the dance which was down from last year. The next project will be a community blood drive on March 10th from 8-1pm.

Citizen Comments: Cheryl Kaufenberg of Darien commented to the board regarding the lack of interest from the Town of Delavan in serving on the board and opening up the restrictions of geographical locations. Doreen Grams of Delavan commented to the board on the school calendar for the 2017-18 school year and also spoke about the board seats for the school district.

Consent Agenda: The board unanimously approved a motion by S. Logterman and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the Manifest of Bills dated February 13, 2017; the Treasurer's Report Summary for January 31, 2017 dated February 13, 2017; gifts/grants –\$250 TRAIL Program Grant - Thrivent Financial, Delavan, WI, \$500 Darien Food in a Backpack Program - Waddell-Wojcik, Darien, WI, \$400 Darien Food in a Backpack Program - Jane Miller Diggins, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, \$1,000 Darien Food in a Backpack Program - Darien CIFA, Inc. (Fire Association), Darien, WI, \$1,000 Darien Food in a Backpack Program - First National Bank and Trust Co., Beloit, WI, \$500 Darien Food in a Backpack Program - Darien Women's Club, Darien, WI, \$500 Darien Food in a Backpack Program - Royal Baskets, Darien, WI, \$500 Phoenix Next Generation Science Standards - Exxon/Mobil Education Alliance, Delavan, WI, \$338.25for Artificial Habitat for Turtles for Bilingual 2nd Grade Ecosystems Class - DonorsChoose.org, \$837 for Imagination Library - Our Redeemer Lutheran Church w/School, Delavan, WI; Staff Resignation for 2016-17 School Year for Brenda San Jose-Zarate – bilingual teacher; New Staff Contract for the 2016-17 School Year for Rosamaria Laursen – bilingual teacher; New Staff Contract for the 2017-18 School Year for Erica Saldana – school psychologist; non-faculty co-curricular contracts for the 2016-17 school year for Harry Penington – assistant track DDHS, and William Petkoff – assistant track DDHS.

Audit Report for 2015-16 School Year: Auditor was unable to attend the meeting. She will plan on attending the March meeting.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$2,050,000 Note Anticipation Note Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes: A motion was made by S. Logterman and seconded by J. Andreoni to pass a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$2,050,000 note anticipation note pursuant to section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution for Revenue Limit Exemptions for Energy Efficiencies: A motion was made by S. Logterman to approve a resolution for revenue limit exemptions for energy efficiencies as presented. S. Gonzalez seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

School Calendar for the 2017-18 School Year: Superintendent R. Crist reviewed the calendar for the 2017-18 school year. He stated that the administration would like to hold the parent/teacher conferences in abeyance at this time as discussions are taking place on possibly changing how we hold conferences. A motion was made by C. Kort and seconded by S. Logterman to approve the school calendar as presented for the 2017-18 school year and hold the parent/teacher conferences in abeyance. The motion carried unanimously.

Youth Options Applications: A motion was made by S. Logterman and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the two youth options applications as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Girls Swimming Co-Op Application with Wisconsin School for the Deaf: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by S. Logterman to approve the girls swimming co-op with the Wisconsin School for the Deaf for fall 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAIL Program – Military Wall of Recognition at DDHS: Athletic Director G. Otte reported that a group of students is interested in designing a military wall of honor display at the high school. They would like approval from the school board to continue with this project. A motion was made by D. Reinhart and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the TRAIL program military wall of recognition concept at DDHS. The motion carried unanimously.

Run for Education: Business Administrator M. Powell informed the board the wellness program is always looking for ways to promote health and we will be partnering with a company in putting together a 5K run/walk in the summer to promote wellness. Looking at possibly the end of July and there are many details to be worked out yet. We are looking at holding it on the green space by the middle school and high school and volunteers would be needed. We want to promote this as a family event and we hope to have a mini kid run before the actual 5K run/walk.

Handwriting Without Tears Curriculum: Director of Curriculum, D. Erdmann reported to the board on a new handwriting curriculum. The district had previously used Zaner-Bloser handwriting and there had been many referrals on motor skills. Principal R. Schneider and Occupational Therapist K. Huerta reported to the board on the new handwriting curriculum and how students are achieving more with this curriculum. The full implementation 4K-3rd grade was done and only consumable workbooks will need to be purchased yearly. This curriculum comes both in English and Spanish. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Reinhart to make Handwriting Without Tears curriculum the district handwriting curriculum. The motion carried unanimously.

School Board Member Composition of Board Seats: Board President Scherer led discussion if there was interest in changing the composition of the board seats from geographical areas to an at large since everyone votes at large and we didn't have anyone come forward to be on the ballot from the Town of Delavan to run for school board in April. If the Board wishes to change the Plan of Apportionment

used for purposes of electing board members, the Board would need to follow the steps set forth in Wis. Stat. §120.02(2). A motion was made by C. Kort to ask for a petition that will change one seat for Darien representative and the rest at large. D. Reinhart seconded the motion. Discussion took place with questions for our attorney. D. Reinhart made a motion to table until next meeting getting information from attorney and to listen to the community. C. Kort seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Community Advocacy Committee Report: Board member D. Reinhart reported that the group will meet on February 21 at 5pm in the board room. Anyone can attend who is interested in talking strategy on how to get the information out on what our schools are doing and getting the community involved in our schools. The committee would like to develop a message and take it out to the different community groups. Mr. Reinhart would like to develop teams represented by one board member, one staff member, and a community person to go out and take the public school education message out to the people. We want to talk about education and engage people in discussing our public schools. He anticipates developing a core message and venues to deliver message to at the meeting on February 21.

Board Report: Board member R. Kelton reported to the board on her attendance at the WASB Delegate Convention. She reported that 318 delegates attended and 17 resolutions were passed. She highlighted one resolution that would help poverty districts receive \$100 more per student. She thanked the board for allowing her to attend and represent the district.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Crist reviewed the list of alternative applications going out this month. Dr. Crist asked Mr. Sandoval to report on the GLAD training trip to Orange County, California for 4K training. Mr. Sandoval stated that they were also able to visit some of the counties 5 star schools and a lot of great ideas were collected from the visits for us to try to implement next year.

Agenda Items: Board composition of board seats, Community Advocacy Committee

Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2017 – Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by R. Kelton and seconded by S. Gonzalez to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation for any public employee. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote of all ayes and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:42p.m.

Discussion was held in closed session and no motions were made in closed session.

There being no further business, a motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Kelton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President