

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN  
MARCH 20, 2017**

President Jeffery Scherer called the meeting of the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education held at the School Administration Center to order at 6:15p.m.

**Board Members Present:** J. Scherer, J. Andreoni, S. Gonzalez, D. Reinhart, S. Logterman, C. Kort

**Board Members Absent:** R. Kelton

**Administrators Present:** Superintendent R. Crist, Business Administrator M. Powell

J. Andreoni made a motion to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1) (c) to discuss negotiating competitive bargaining for transportation. S. Gonzalez seconded the motion and a roll call vote of all ayes was taken.

The board went into closed session and no motions were made. The closed session ended at 6:55p.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, J. Andreoni, S. Gonzalez, D. Reinhart, S. Logterman, C. Kort

**Board Members Absent:** R. Kelton

**Administrators Present:** Superintendent R. Crist, Business Administrator M. Powell, Director of Bilingual and School Coordinator R. Sandoval, Director of Instruction D. Erdmann, Principals K. Pickel, R. Zahn, H. Schmelz, Athletic Director G. Otte, Director of Building and Grounds G. Aull, Director of Career & Occupations C. Yager

The press was represented by Mike Hoey, Delavan Enterprise and Xavier Ward, Janesville Gazette.

**Minutes Approved:** The minutes of the February 13, 2017 regular/closed session meeting were unanimously approved on a Logterman/Kort motion.

**Student Council Report:** President Cassidy Dodge reported the blood drive was successful and their next project will be teacher appreciation week.

**Citizen Comments:** Doreen Grams spoke to the board regarding the composition of school board seats. Giovanna Moses introduced herself as a write-in candidate for the upcoming spring election and would like to become part of the team. She thanked the board for all they have done. Luis Solis addressed the board about keeping politics out of the schools and focus on teaching the students. Kirsten Andreoni addressed Superintendent Crist and told him she was the most proud she has been in 20 years in the district for the letter he wrote. She stated that to know that he cares about my kids and all kids is a big deal and she is proud to be in this district where he is proactive and telling students they will be safe at school and not to be scared. She told Dr. Crist she appreciates what he does for the district and is proud to be here.

**Consent Agenda:** The board unanimously approved a motion by S. Gonzalez and seconded by C. Kort to approve the Manifest of Bills dated March 20, 2017; the Treasurer's Report Summary for February 28, 2017 dated March 20, 2017; gifts/grants –\$2,500 Darien Food in a Backpack Program – Monroe Funeral Home, Delavan, WI, \$250 for materials for lap blankets for Twin Oaks – Thrivent Financial; Staff Retirements for the 2017-18 School Year Elizabeth Christianson-4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Peggy Fleck-District Library Media Coordinator, Melodie Wisdom-Food Service, Kenneth Blanke-custodian (retired 2/13/17); Staff Resignation for 2017-18 School Year for Christine Schleden-4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; Non-faculty co-curricular contracts for the 2016-17 school year for Kane Castel – volunteer track DDHS, and Thomas Dace – assistant boys tennis DDHS.

**Audit Report for 2015-16 School Year:** Ms. Elisa Gilbertson of Baker Tilly reported that the objective of the audit was to express an opinion on the financial statements of the School District of Delavan-Darien as of June 30, 2016. The financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. All appropriate disclosures have been properly reflected in the financial statements. The audit went very well and the auditors expressed a clean unmodified opinion which is the highest level. A motion was made by C. Kort and seconded by J. Andreoni to accept the audit as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**McKinstry Projects Update:** Business Administrator M. Powell reviewed with the board the balance of the projects that the district and McKinstry have continued to prioritize. Even though many needs have been addressed, there are still projects at each building the administration feels need to be brought forward for consideration. The reasons for bringing this forward now are that the governor's budget proposal includes a provision that would eliminate this type of borrowing/funding. However, if we have already begun the process, it could be grandfathered in under the old law; interest rates continue to increase and in delaying the borrowing, it might be more costly to do so; the needs at each building still remain; the last of the referendum debt will be paid off; and this will put our building in very good shape for the foreseeable future. The following resolution only gives the District authorization to borrow the money for the next five years; it is under no obligation to do so. A majority of these projects would not begin until the summer of 2018.

**Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Not To Exceed \$9,510,000; and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes:** A motion was made by C. Kort and seconded by D. Reinhart to pass a resolution authorizing the borrowing of not to exceed \$9,510,000; and providing for the issuance and sale of general obligation promissory notes. The motion passed 6-0.

**Constitutional Immigration Update:** Superintendent Crist and the board discussed the information on constitutional immigration that was shared by the superintendent with the district.

**Lacrosse America Contract for 2018-2020:** Athletic Director G. Otte reviewed the Lacrosse America contract for 2018-2020 with the board. The board discussed the contract with Mr. Otte. It was agreed that Mr. Otte would go back to them and ask to increase the terms of the contract to \$10,000 per year.

**Girls Soccer Team State-Wide Study by UW-Madison on Concussions:** Athletic Director G. Otte told the board that UW-Madison had contacted him to participate in a state-wide study on concussions. Soccer is the number one cause of concussions for female athletes. This is a state-wide study determining if "headbands" reduce or prevent concussions. This is purely voluntarily and 12 girls have expressed an interest in trying this. Mr. Otte said that we had been placed in the group with headbands and our trainer will log our injuries to report for the study.

**Elementary Math Curriculum for 2017-18 School Year:** Director of Curriculum D. Erdmann presented two classic content elementary math curriculums that have been piloted in the district this year for the board to decide on the curriculum they would prefer. The two curriculums were Engage NY and Math Expressions. Mrs. Erdmann stated that both of these are a large step up from what we are using currently and are instructionally sound in matching the standards we teach. Engage NY is all online with the only cost in copying and manipulatives – approximately \$10,000 per year, while Math Expressions is \$139,000 for six years and has many supplementary activities. The board discussed the two curriculums. Superintendent Crist suggested that Mrs. Erdmann meet with all the teachers that piloted the different curriculums and get a consensus what they feel would be the best and share it with the board at their next meeting.

**CLC Grant Application for High School:** Teacher Michelle Minton addressed the board regarding writing a CLC grant for the high school like was done for Turtle Creek four years ago. She stated that these grants have become very competitive and she has been working on getting the application completed before the March 31 deadline. She stated that some of the elementary partnerships have agreed to support the high school too. Ms. Minton also reported that next year the CLC grant for Turtle Creek will not automatically roll over for another five years and we have to go back in the pool to seek funding because of changes to the CLC grants. The board encouraged the completion of the application for the high school.

**School Board Member Composition of Board Seats:** Board member discussion took place. Superintendent Crist was directed to talk with our attorney if you can have assigned areas and open seats in the composition.

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

**Parent Transportation Contracts:** A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by S. Logterman to approve the parent transportation contracts as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Farm Lease with Del-Prairie Stock Farm, Inc.:** A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by C. Kort to approve the farm lease with Del-Prairie Stock Farm, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

**Summer School Courses:** Principal R. Zahn reported to the board that summer school for the elementary 5K-4<sup>th</sup> grade will again be the STEAM academy blended learning. The board reviewed the secondary summer school course brochures. A motion was made by C. Kort and seconded by J. Andreoni to approve the summer school course offerings.

**Budget Update for 2017-18 School Year:** Business Administrator M. Powell told the board that he and Dr. Crist had met with all the buildings and directors to review budgets, look for savings and talk about staffing. There will be staffing decisions made in April.

**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 charge tomorrow night is how we should move forward with groups own leadership and team development. Attendance was up last meeting and hoping for more people at this meeting.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Crist reviewed the list of alternative applications coming in this month and reminded the board that this is the open enrollment period for next school year. Dr. Crist reported that the district now has four write-in candidates for the spring election and they are Ron Deschner, Giovanna Moses, Kevin Hermann, and Susan Alness. Dr. Crist told the board that he didn't mean to offend anyone with the emails and he apologizes, but thinks it was the right thing to do.

**Agenda Items:** None

**Next Meeting Date:** April 10, 2017 – Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by C. Kort 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 8:55p.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 J. Andreoni to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Karen Logterman, Secretary

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Jeffery Scherer, President