

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

President Jeffery Scherer called the 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, R. Kelton, S. Gonzalez, J. Andreoni, G. Moses, R. Deschner, M. Los

Administrators Present: Superintendent R. Crist, Director of Instruction J. Sorbie, Director of Pupil Services S. Halberg, Director of Bilingual and School Coordinator R. Sandoval, Technology Coordinator B. Curless, Principal K. Pickel

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

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular/closed session meeting, the January 24, 2018 closed session meetings, the January 31, 2018 closed session meetings, and the January 31, 2018 special meeting were unanimously approved on a Gonzalez/Deschner motion.

Student Council Report: Student Council representative Seth Grabow reported that winter week was cut short due to the snow day. They hope to reschedule the pep rally and lip sync battle that was missed on the snow day. The dance attendance was better than usual and decorations were better than last year. There will be a blood drive coming up in early April.

Director of Instruction Kudos: Director of Instruction J. Sorbie gave recognition to Darien Elementary 5th graders wax museum as it was a huge hit this year. Secondly, kudos to Phoenix Middle School who hosted a band and orchestra concert that was very well attended. The third kudos goes to Dr. Crist for his support for the written proclamation for The Tree House Organization to align agencies to be able to work together to assist one another when families need assistance. The Tree House serves as the home of the Walworth County Child Advocacy Center, a service of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. It is a special place where children come for help if they've been abused physically or sexually, neglected, or exposed to domestic violence. The Delavan-Darien School District was the only school district that signed the proclamation.

Citizen Comments: Andy Terpstra addressed the board regarding the school finances, the community, and the referendum.

Consent Agenda: The board unanimously approved a motion by R. Kelton and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the Manifest of Bills dated February 12, 2018; the Treasurer's Report Summary for January 31, 2018 dated February 12, 2018 with revenue all funds \$4,657,568.28, expenditures all funds \$2,301,123.09 and balance in checking/accounts \$2,908,849.65; gifts/grants -\$1,600 DDHS choir trip - Southern Lakes Masterpiece Chorale Inc. (on behalf of Richard Severing), 1999 Jeep Sport Utility vehicle (junk) - Tony Lynn, Advanced Auto Clinic, Delavan, WI, 2004 Saturn ION (junk) - Tony Lynn, Advance Auto Clinic, Delavan, WI, \$250 camera for photography class - Kara and Erik Bende of Lake Forest, IL, \$250 camera for photography class - Tammi Franke & Mark Giolas of Chicago, IL, \$100 Guided Reading Books dual language classrooms - Brent and Irina Ertl, Darien, WI, and \$130 of small engines, tools and bits for Auto program and woods program - Ron Deschner, Delavan, WI; Staff resignations for the 2017-18 school year Mike Heine - Public Relations Coordinator and Rhonda Lopez staff resignation for the 2018-19 school year; New staff contracts for the 2017-18 school year Stephan Kirshenbaum - Interim child nutrition director and Anthony Klein -

Business Manager; and non-faculty co-curricular contracts for the 2017-18 school year for James R. Hanson – assistant wrestling DDHS, Denisse De la Vega Alcantara – pom dance winter DDHS and Stephanie Freitag – pom dance winter – DDHS.

Dousman Transportation Bus Contract: Mr. Rob Schulte presented to the board a new proposal for a new 3-year contract. The proposal calls for a 6% annual increase for each of the three (3) years. While this increase is higher than in years past, it is needed to address the concerns that the bus company had shared last spring with the board. Mr. Schulte stated that this proposal allows them to continue to provide the responsive customer service that all stakeholders with the district expect, while addressing their challenges of driver recruitment/retention, health care benefits and bus prices and parts. Superintendent Crist recommended to the board that they strongly consider this proposal as we have a good working relationship with Dousman. The board tabled their decision until next month.

Discussion Cellphone/Technology Use at School: Technology Supervisor B. Curless addressed board member concerns about parent viewing Chromebook histories and the use of cellphones at school.

Discussion Martin Luther King Day Observances: Superintendent Crist stated that next school year, like other school districts, we will have an inservice day on Martin Luther King Day and students will not attend school that day.

DPI District Report Card Score: Director of Instruction J. Sorbie readdressed the district report card score as there is confusion with the public how the score is determined by the state. There are four areas that the state scores you on, student achievement, district growth, closing gaps and on-track and postsecondary readiness. The report card score is not an average of our four schools, rather they treat the district as one large school. The district did an outstanding job of attaining 92.7 out of 100 in the area of growth while the state average is 66 out of 100, so we scored 23.3 points higher than the state. The district also had a great graduation rate and attendance rates so along with the growth rate we received the 82.3 exceeds expectations from the state. Dr. Sorbie stated that we are working hard on student achievement that will take a little bit more time to grow and we are finally seeing a lot of growth so our achievement should start to follow.

Preliminary MAP Results: Director of Instruction J. Sorbie reported to the board on the preliminary MAP results for the 2017-2018 school year. She reviewed grades 3-10 in reading and math.

Farm Lease Agreement: A motion was made by R. Kelton and seconded by G. Moses to accept the farm lease as presented to Del Prairie Stock Farm, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

School Calendar for the 2018-2019 School Year: Superintendent Crist stated to the board that the calendar was about 95% set but would like until March to set Parent/Teacher conferences and that we still might move a day here or there. The board tabled the calendar until March.

DDHS LED Sign Sponsorship Agreement: Superintendent Crist stated that Mr. Kunes graciously donated \$25,000 for the sign. The warranty on the sign is seven (7) years and if something goes wrong after the warranty Mr. Kunes would be given the opportunity to pay for the repairs or he would be able to end the agreement. The sponsorship agreement was in your packets. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Kelton. The motion carried 6-0 with J. Andreoni abstaining.

Referendum: Superintendent Crist stated that Ron Sandoval has been added to referendum committee. We are getting the facts sheets printed and one has already mailed to homes. There are meetings scheduled with different groups and our consultant is doing a good job of keeping us on task. Invitations have been sent out for the February 20 meeting and then on March 20 will prompt the entire community meeting presentation. Dr. Crist stated that he is here every Monday night from 4-6pm if anyone would like to stop in and discuss the referendum. Dr. Crist has asked the principals to talk with their staff and make a presentation to staff members and entertain questions they might have.

Board Report: Board member Roxann Kelton reported on her attendance at the state convention in January. She attended the delegate convention where proposals are voted on for the lobbyists to fight for during the year.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Crist reported that he was asked to testify at the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting on February 2 in Milwaukee. Dr. Crist stated that Jodi Scott is the recipient of the WICPA Educational Foundation Accounting Careers Awareness Grant for 2018. Dr. Crist stated that he continues to respond to inaccurate information and concerns on Facebook.

Future Agenda Items: Bus contract, school calendar, referendum

Next Meeting Date: March 12, 2018 – Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Kelton to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation for any public employee regarding cash in lieu, and to discuss/take action on final notices of non-renewal of administrator contracts. A roll call vote of all ayes was taken. The board went into executive session at 9:03 p.m.

The board held discussions on closed session items and reconvened into open session at 9:20 p.m.

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Andreoni to allow cash in lieu for custodians. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 7-0.

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 9:23 p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President