

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
MARCH 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, Business Administrator T. Klein, Director of Instruction J. Sorbie, Director of Bilingual and School Coordinator R. Sandoval, Principal K. Pickel, Athletic Director G. Otte

The press was represented by Mike Hoey, *Delavan Enterprise* and Nate Jackson, *Janesville Gazette*.

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular/closed session meeting, the February 13, 2018 closed session meetings, the February 27, 2018 closed session/special meeting, and the March 5, 2018 special closed meeting were unanimously approved on a Kelton/Deschner motion.

Student Council Report: Student Council representative Seth Grabow reported that their March blood drive collected 80 units with 75 new students participating. Their next project will be a \$1,000 goal to donate to the leukemia research foundation. There will be different activities like “chuck” your change, movie night and a talent show to help raise their goal.

Director of Instruction Kudos: Director of Instruction J. Sorbie gave recognition to Jim Larson for the performance of *Moby Dick! The Musical*, that was outstanding. Kudos also went to “Technology Night” that had over 18 tables of technology, 40 staff members participating, and over 400 families attended. T-shirts were successful, exit survey gave lots of praise and many stayed to attend the basketball game that was paired with the technology night. Kudos also went to the elementary math teachers who worked with our math specialist Mary Richards and are diving into what is happening and how the students are performing and how better to assist them. Last kudos went to Steve Gross for the counselors career fair at Darien and Phoenix. Phoenix had arranged for 28 people or booths and even Six Flags came in for the event. It was a very unique opportunity for the school and students.

Citizen Comments: Wayne Osborn addressed the board regarding the referendum and his support for the school system. Andy Terpstra addressed the board regarding the school finances and the referendum.

Consent Agenda: The board unanimously approved a motion by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Kelton to approve the Manifest of Bills dated March 12, 2018; the Treasurer’s Report Summary for February 28, 2018 dated March 12, 2018 with revenue all funds \$5,550,673.84, expenditures all funds \$2,461,819.20 and balance in checking/accounts \$4,528,123.50; gifts/grants –\$2,059.27 of miscellaneous automotive tools/equipment for auto program from Kunes Country Ford Lincoln, Inc., Delavan, WI, \$150 to Comet Care Program DDHS from Delavan Lioness Club, Delavan, WI, \$818 to jazz ensemble DDHS for an overnight trip from Lake Geneva Area Events, \$100 for guided reading books for Wileman Elementary from Brent and Irina Ertl, and \$1,000 for set of polar heart rate watches for DDHS physical education from Shopko Foundation; Staff retirement/resignation for the 2018-19 school year Cynthia (Turner) Olson – 5th grade teacher; Non-faculty co-curricular contracts for the 2017-18 school year for Kassandra Huerta – assistant girls soccer DDHS, William Petkoff – assistant track DDHS and Alicia Beck – assistant boys tennis – DDHS.

Dousman Transportation Bus Contract: Superintendent Crist reported that he had been working with Mr. Rob Schulte of Dousman Transportation. Last month Mr. Schulte presented to you a three year contract with a 6% increase each year. Since then many discussions have taken place between us regarding the bus contract. Dr. Crist reported that the bus company presented costing for a 5.5% increase for three years or a 5% increase for a four year contract. Discussion took place on these new offers and putting this out for bid. A motion was made by R. Kelton and seconded by J. Andreoni to accept the four year contract at 5% per year. The motion carried unanimously.

Grammy Signature Schools Community Award: Orchestra teacher Jennifer Bayerl reported that the Delavan-Darien High School music department has been recognized by the Grammy Foundation. Along with the recognition is an award of \$2,000. The Grammy Foundation's purpose is to put a spotlight on schools, students and teachers who do exceptional things in music. The gift is to be used to help the music department. The music teachers have decided that the money will be used for maintenance on music equipment and music stands for trips out of the district. The Grammy Foundation also stated that they have another grant for \$5,000 that they would like us to apply for and hopefully if we received that grant, the music department could purchase risers. Congratulations to the music department.

New DDHS Club – Project Eco: Activities Director G. Otte reported on a new student club that would like to form called Project Eco. The main goal of this project is to consider and evaluate the effects the district and community have on the environment and act accordingly to manipulate these effects in a positive manner. Dr. Otte reported that there is an advisor that is willing to work with the students at no cost and the cost to support the club would be minimal. A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by M. Los to approve the new DDHS Club – Project Eco as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DDHS Jazz Ensemble Overnight Trip: Band Director N. Stark reported that the DDHS jazz ensemble would like to travel on an overnight trip to the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Jazz Festival on Thursday, March 15 – Friday, March 16 in Milwaukee. A motion was made by R. Kelton and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the DDHS jazz ensemble overnight trip as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Start College Now Applications: Director of Instruction J. Sorbie gave an explanation of the new legislation on the Start College Now program which replaces the Youth Options program and that there is no funding provided for school districts to fund this program. Dr. Sorbie stated that this is a program where students in grades 9-12 can take up to 18 college credits during their four years in high school at a technical college. School districts will be paying the entire cost of these credits for every student that applies and is accepted. Dr. Sorbie gave an example that at Gateway a credit costs \$132.20 and if 750 of our students took the 18 credits it would cost the district 1.8 million and there is no funding from the state or federal government for this program. The state rolled out this mandated program effective July 1, 2018, and students can enroll for next fall and applications were due on March 1. A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve 12 courses for four students and deny six courses for four students. The motion carried unanimously. The Director of Instruction will keep a detailed record of approvals and denials for Start College Now applications.

Early College Credit Program Applications: Director of Instruction J. Sorbie gave an explanation of the new legislation on the Early College Credit Program (ECCP) which replaces the Youth Options program. Under the ECCP a student can attend a four year institution within the University of Wisconsin System or a tribally controlled college or a private, non-profit institution of higher education

located in Wisconsin. The costs of the courses are shared among the college, the school district, the state, and in some cases, the parents. The state has funded \$1.75 million through grant funds from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and when those funds run out the school districts are responsible for the full cost of the courses. The costs fall at least 75% on the school districts. Dr. Sorbie stated that this is a program where students in grades 9-12 can take up to 18 college credits during their four years in high school. The state rolled out this mandated program and students can enroll for next fall and applications were due on March 1. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Kelton to approve four courses for three students and deny one course for one student. The motion carried unanimously. The Director of Instruction will keep a detailed record of approvals and denials for Start College Now applications.

Boys' Hockey Coop Agreement for 2018-2020 School Year: A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by R. Kelton to approve the boys' hockey coop agreement for 2018-2020 school years as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

School Calendar for the 2018-2019 School Year: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Andreoni to approve the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

School Security: Superintendent Crist reported that the district has a quick communication with law enforcement that is only used in dire time of need. The district also practices fire and tornado drills throughout the school year and we work with the police department on an annual basis if they have learned new tactics in the past year for safety tips. Dr. Crist stated that we are close to hiring a retired police officer as an aide/security guard for the elementary level. We have a full-time police liaison officer at the high school and are in talks for a police liaison at the middle school. We recognize the concern that parents have with threats, but again where to draw the line with the finances that we have. Accounting laws have tightened that we can't pay for police liaisons from Fund 80.

Referendum: Superintendent Crist reported that he continues to make appointments to go to different organizations and give the facts on the referendum. There are signs being put out for the referendum by citizens and every Monday Dr. Crist is available from 4:00-6:00pm if anyone has any questions regarding the referendum.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Crist reported that a couple of weeks ago the district paid back \$2,000,000 of the \$4,000,000 cash flow monies borrowed. Dr. Crist introduced the board to Mr. Anthony Klein who will become our Business Administrator full-time in July. He is currently coming to Delavan two days a week while continuing to work at Parkview School District. Dr. Crist showed the board a plaque that was given to the district from Gateway Technical College that stated for 2016-17 our transcripted credits saved our students \$34,123.28.

Future Agenda Items: None

Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2018 – Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by R. Deschner to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation for any public employee related to school referendum. A roll call vote of all ayes was taken. The board went into executive session at 9:04 p.m.

The board held discussions on closed session items.

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 10:00 p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President