

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN  
JUNE 28, 2018

Superintendent Sorbie, Business Administrator Klein and all board members met at 6:30 p.m. at Borg Stadium to view the structural problems in the stadium. Everyone then returned to the School Administration Center for the special meeting.

President Jeffery Scherer called the special meeting of the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education held at the School Administration Center to order at 7:15p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Scherer, J. Andreoni, S. Gonzalez, R. Deschner, M. Los, D. Grams

Board Members Absent: G. Moses

Administrators Present: Superintendent J. Sorbie, Business Administrator A. Klein

The press was not represented.

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Andreoni to adjourn into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation for Director of Instruction, Superintendent and support staff position. A roll call vote was taken of all ayes.

The Board held discussions and no motions were made in closed session.

D. Grams made a motion to reconvene into open session with R. Deschner seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the board returned to open session at 8:32 p.m.

**Citizens Comments:** Selene Kennedy spoke on behalf of the Delavan-Darien Schools Arts Boosters (formally the Delavan-Darien Friends of the Visual and Performing Arts and introduced David Henriott, President of Delavan Youth Football. She spoke that their clubs have struggled to get community volunteers and have decided to combine forces so both organizations can continue to support the youth of the community. She reported that they would be holding a golf outing on July 21 at Delbrook Golf Course and would like to get the word out to join in by golfing or purchasing a raffle ticket. Resident Peggy Fleck spoke on communications. Resident Andy Terpstra spoke about district finances and the referendum. Resident Irina Ertl spoke about group of parents wanting to form an advocacy group that intends to build a stronger community by providing a platform for parents to share concerns and ideas, increase the number of volunteers and raise funds for the schools. Ms. Ertl asked guidance on using the name "Comets Community in Action".

**Resignations for the 2018-2019 School Year:** A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by S. Gonzalez to accept the resignations of Kathryn Sperle and Kay Leigh Sockrider. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Staff Contracts for the 2018-2019 School Year:** A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve new staff contracts for Lauren Johnsen, Kassidy Truckenbrod, Jessica Radloff, and Gregory Colandrea. The motion carried unanimously.

**First Reading Board Policy 8500 Food Services:** A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the first reading of Board Policy 8500 Food Services. The motion carried unanimously.

**Anonymous Donation:** A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Andreoni to accept the anonymous donation of two 55” televisions. The motion carried unanimously.

**Preliminary Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year:** A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

**Student/Parent Handbook for the 2018-2019 School Year:** Superintendent Sorbie explained the revision of the Student/Parent handbook for the 2018-2019 school year is an ongoing project that may not be finished before the beginning of the upcoming school year. The goal is to finish the Code of Conduct section before registration day in August.

**Referendum:** Superintendent Sorbie stated some ideas on promoting a referendum. Dr. Sorbie also stated that she spoke with Athletic Director G. Otte and the main facilities concerns are the condition of the stadium stands, the soccer field, and track for safety reasons. Unfortunately, these projects are complex and time is too short to have an accurate budget by August and include a question in the referendum. Dr. Sorbie stated that the situation is very similar when exploring the culinary arts program as she met with an engineering firm to explore the possibility of remodeling the kitchen and art rooms. The firm was not able to give an estimate because we do not have a plan of what we want the rooms to look like. The firm requires us to do a study, but we are not ready to do that. Dr. Sorbie recommended revisiting the topic in October to have something concrete to present to the community and possibly to include it in a referendum in April.

**Letter to Representatives and Potential Visits:** The Board reviewed a response letter to our representatives and agreed the letter was good. The Board received a communication from other assembly candidates and the majority of the Board agreed not to meet with assembly candidates or governor candidates.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Sorbie focused on the referendum and the preliminary referendum survey. Dr. Sorbie presented the preliminary draft of the survey. The Board provided feedback and she agreed to send the final version for a final review by the Board members before putting it on the website and handing out hard copies. Dr. Sorbie stated that parents will receive an email to fill out the survey and Board members will drop off surveys among businesses and return them for data entry. In addition, Dr. Sorbie will conduct several meetings with community members to spread the word about the survey and the upcoming referendum. The main community meeting will take place on July 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at DDHS.

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 10:45 p.m.

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Monica Los, Board Clerk

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Jeffery Scherer, President