

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 7:00p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Scherer, R. Kelton, J. Andreoni, S. Gonzalez, G. Moses, R. Deschner

Board Members Absent: J. Scherer

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

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

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the August 14, 2017 regular/closed session meeting and the August 28, 2017 special/closed session meeting were unanimously approved on a Moses/Kelton motion.

DDHS Student Council Report: President Seth Grabow reported on Homecoming week coming up and that they would be taking orders for t-shirts so there would be no waste in having leftover shirts. The theme this year is “Under the Sea.” There will be class floats and theme dress-up days. He stated that they would be running a fall long food drive at the fall sporting events of canned goods. He asked if the Board had any ideas for community outreach events to let them know as they are looking for opportunities.

Board Member Recognition: President Scherer recognized Roxann Kelton and Sharon Gonzalez for 5 years of service. Superintendent Crist recognized President Scherer for his 10 years of service. Congratulations to all.

Citizen Comments: Andy Terpstra commended the district on the open houses in the schools. He gave a few suggestions for changes but said all parents and kids were quite excited. He addressed the board regarding a multitude of topics, such as district curriculum, taking attendance at board meetings, questions on how the Agenda is set and how it is posted, community and parent involvement with the schools.

Consent Agenda: The board unanimously approved a motion by R. Kelton and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the Manifest of Bills dated September 11, 2017; the Treasurer’s Report Summary for August 31, 2017 dated September 11, 2017; gifts/grants –96 backpacks with school supplies from AmeriCold Logistics, Darien, WI; Staff resignations for the 2017-18 school year for Kelley Anderson-math teacher DDHS, Brian O’Leary – 6th grade teacher, Mike Fellin – tech ed teacher DDHS; New staff contracts for the 2017-18 school year for Steven Bartz – ACP/Keyboarding part-time Phoenix, Gregory Colandrea, Jr – language arts Phoenix, Martin Rognlien – tech ed DDHS; and Non-Faculty co-curricular contracts for the 2017-18 school year for David Polzin – assistant football DDHS, David Figueroa – volunteer assistant football DDHS, Michael Figueroa– volunteer assistant football DDHS, Marc Grabow – volunteer football DDHS, Wayne Hunter – volunteer football DDHS, Matthew Palma

– head boys swimming DDHS, Thomas Aiello – Phoenix student newspaper, Justin Fowlkes – assistant boys basketball DDHS and Diego Avila – head wrestling DDHS.

Seclusion/Restraint Report: Director of Pupil Services S. Halberg gave the board a review of the seclusions and restraints that occurred in our schools during the 2016-2017 school year.

DLE Curriculum Report: Director Bilingual and School Coordinator R. Sandoval reported on the dual language education curriculum. Mr. Sandoval spoke about the program characteristics, the instructional approaches used, the academic benefits, the assessments used to assess how well a student does in comparison to a native speaker and to assess what a student knows as a bilingual reader. Our instructors represent thirteen cultures, nations, traditions, and professional expertise from the USA, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Colombia, Peru, Chile, and Spain.

Course Option Application: The board tabled this agenda item for more information. This item will be addressed at a special meeting on September 21, 2017.

Parent Transportation Contracts: A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by R. Kelton to approve the parent transportation contracts as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Requests for Advanced Classes at DDHS by Resident/Non-Resident 8th Graders from Parochial Schools: Superintendent Crist stated that we have been getting some requests from parochial school parents to have their child take advance classes at the high school. Dr. Crist stated that a template had been put together to address this but that it is not totally complete, but is ready for discussion purposes only. Dr. Crist reported on some of the students taking classes this year and that we have a non-resident student paying tuition for classes. Superintendent Crist stated that this program guide is for the board to peruse and discuss and as time goes along and more situations come up during the year we will finalize it and bring it back for board approval. We will also need to get NEOLA our board policy service involved with this program.

Dousman Transport Co., Inc. Advertising on Popcorn Bags: Athletic Director G. Otte reported that he had been contacted to partner with the bus company to provide popcorn bags at no cost to the booster club, provided they can use the Dousman Transport logo on the bags. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Andreoni to approve a one-year supply of popcorn bags for this school year 2017-18. The motion carried on a 5 to 1 vote with G. Moses opposed.

Composition of Board Seats: President J. Scherer confirmed that the district had acquired enough signatures to put the Petition of Apportionment on the annual meeting agenda.

School Mascots: A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by R. Kelton to change all school mascots to the Delavan-Darien Comets. The motion carried unanimously.

Referendum: Superintendent Crist stated that the district will need to probably do a referendum in April. We will need to consider what type of referendum and the need for recurring or non-recurring. It could be phased in over three years or other terms. The district made their last debt payment a month or two ago and our 1.25 million referendum ended this year. Dr. Crist stated that no one wants to increase property taxes and we have to compete with other schools and we are back to what we once were and we don't want to dismantle that if we can't fund it. Dr. Crist and Business Administrator M. Powell will work up scenarios and dollar amounts for future meetings.

Advocacy Committee: President J. Scherer spoke about getting parents more involved with the schools and possibly one way would be to join the advocacy committee that Dave Reinhart had started. Board member G. Moses suggested that maybe the committee could meet with other district groups on their meeting nights, like the Booster Club or PTO nights. There is also a need to get the community that doesn't have kids in school to be aware of the great things that are happening in the schools that they want to be a part of them. President Scherer said we need to continue these efforts.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Crist read a letter from Paul Ryan congratulating the district on the award for Best Communities for Music Education for the third straight year. Director of Instruction J. Sorbie gave an overview of what she has witnessed in the district since she started. Superintendent Crist said the opening of school went well and looking forward to an outstanding year. We beat Elkhorn in football and tied in soccer. Go Comets!!! Superintendent Crist also reviewed with the board the alternative applications incoming and outgoing for the month. He also gave a reminder for the WASB regional meeting to be held in at the Monte Carlo room on October 3, 2017.

Future Agenda Items: Referendum

Next Meeting Date: Closed Session Meeting – September 21, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting – September 25, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
October 9, 2017 – Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by R. Kelton and seconded by R. Deschner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President