

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
APRIL 8, 2019**

President J. Scherer called the regular meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Andreoni, J. Scherer, R. Deschner, S. Gonzalez, D. Grams, T. Schutt

Board Members Absent: G. Moses

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

A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by S. Gonzalez to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation of non-union administrative staff, support staff and custodial staff. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes.

The board held discussions. No motions were made in closed session.

A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by R. Deschner to adjourn the closed session. The motion carried unanimously and the closed session adjourned at 6:50 p.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. Andreoni, J. Scherer, R. Deschner, S. Gonzalez, D. Grams, T. Schutt, G. Moses

Administrators Present: Superintendent J. Sorbie, Business Administrator A. Klein, Director of Pupil Service M. Burke, Coordinator of Careers and Occupations K. Pickel

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

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the March 11, 2019 regular/closed session meeting and the March 18, 2019 special/closed session meetings were unanimously approved on a Grams/Schutt motion.

Student Council Report: President Elizabeth Sirkman was unable to attend.

DDHS Band Trip to New Orleans: Band Teacher Nick Stark reported to the Board on the band trip to New Orleans. The symphonic winds and jazz ensemble students made the trip to St. Louis, New Orleans and Memphis. Students participated in a clinic with Mr. John Miller, toured the National WWII Museum, toured the Mardi Gras World, where a majority of the parade floats are constructed and then they enjoyed the Dukes of Dixieland performance. They also toured the French Quarter, took a swamp tour and spent time at a Bayou Barn Dance, before heading back home through Memphis for a tour of the Rock 'n Soul Museum. The students performed twice while they were in New Orleans and they won the spirit award for the school who best represented itself in all things non-musical – attitude, conduct and enthusiasm.

District Kudos: Superintendent J. Sorbie gave kudos to Nick Stark and Mark Butzow for the trip to New Orleans. Further kudos went to Lisa McKay for working with the Janesville Gazette on the homelessness article, Terri Timmerman and May Mohr for the middle school trip to Washington, D.C., Lori Grover, Carri Brandt and Adam Alter for hosting German students, the Wileman staff for hosting

their first math night and Turtle Creek teachers and Principal Fountain for the scheduling change in January which has seen a 50% decrease in office referrals.

Citizens Comments: None

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the manifest of bills; gifts/grants of a 2010 Nissan Sentra for auto department from Dian York, Elkhorn, WI, storage bins with fasteners and hardware screws/bolts for tech ed department from Ace Hardware, Delavan, WI, safety glasses, dust masks, safety gloves, hi-viz vests and sweatshirts for tech ed classroom from LIFT Safety, Elkhorn, WI and two lawnmowers and one chainsaw for auto/engines department from Angela Gilson, Mukwonago, WI; staff resignation for the 2019-2020 school year from Michelle Boyer – school psychologist and Erica Saldana – school psychologist; staff retirement for the 2019-2020 school year for Vicki Decker – educational support staff; new staff contracts for the 2019-2020 school year for Evan Hibbs – physical education, Susan Anderson – library media specialist/robotics, Sarah Goff – 3rd grade teacher, Britte Schneider – 1st grade teacher, Jessica Draffkorn – 2nd grade teacher; and non-faculty co-curricular contracts for the 2018-2019 school year for Nieves Gonzalez – assistant girls softball DDHS and John Chovanec – assistant track DDHS. The motion carried 5-0 with S. Gonzalez abstaining.

Financial Statement for Month Ending March 31, 2019: Business Administrator A. Klein reviewed the financial statement. Mr. Klein stated that operating cash on hand is \$5,580,358.88, funds accessed on business line of credit \$0.00 and net operating funds at \$5,580,358.88 and the purchasing card usage for the month ending March 31, 2019 was \$13,215.49. A motion was made by R. Deschner and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the financial statement for month ending March 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

Wileman School Rental to Early Learning Center: Superintendent J. Sorbie stated that Kristen and Marc Marseo, owners of the T.L.C. The Learning Curve located in Elkhorn, Waterford, and Trevor are requesting to rent approximately 45% of Wileman. The initial rooms they would rent would be five classrooms, the library, the gym, and the kitchen as well as exterior courtyards and playground. TLC currently serves children ages 4 weeks to 12 years old. Dr. Sorbie stated that this partnership will provide families greater access to childcare within our District boundaries. Furthermore, it is expected to have a direct impact for the Delavan-Darien School District as a way to increase enrollment and attract and retain families for years to come. Dr. Sorbie stated that the rental cost would cover 45% of the district's cost in heat, electricity, water/sewer, internet, phone, and pest control. In addition, the rental fee would cover 100% of the costs for the copier and fees surrounding, fax, garbage pick-up, and playground chips (dispersed annually). Superintendent J. Sorbie provided the board with a breakdown of the costs included within the rental fee of \$5,500 per month for their review. Mr. and Mrs. Marseo addressed the board that their center would also take kids in on non-school days or snow days doing a full program with them along with a summer camp for school age kids. They would be open from 5:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. They gave some basic pricing but did say any employees in the district would receive a 15% discount off their childcare. Superintendent Sorbie told the board if they approved the proposal she would work with the district attorney for an official contract for review and final approval by both parties. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Grams to authorize the administration to rent 45% of Wileman to Kristen and Marc Marseo (TLC The Learning Curve) for the amount of \$5,500.00 per month with an official contract being drawn up by our attorney. The motion carried 6-0 with J. Andreoni abstaining.

Full Day Four-Year Old Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 School Year: Superintendent J. Sorbie stated that she feels this is the best opportunity for our student's education and she asked the board to

accept it and move forward, even though it is not fully funded by the State. The students will be better prepared for 5K, more cost effective for parents, some families would no longer have costs for wrap around care, and should attract families outside the area. The district would need to hire two teachers to expand the program, but with cutting the mid-day bussing, cutting the Head Start program costs, plus the revenue from the ELC program and hopefully money for incoming open enrollment students we could probably fund the two teachers from those sources. This could set the district apart from other districts and the teachers are fully supportive and have been working with the principal in creating schedules. A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by J. Andreoni to approve full day four-year old Kindergarten and the hiring of two additional teachers. The motion carried unanimously.

Summer School Offerings: Summer School Co-Coordinator Kirsten Andreoni stated that the goal for teachers was to think outside the box and create courses that students would want to come to summer school to participate in. There are elementary offerings K-4 and secondary offerings 5-12 with the high school offering health and credit recovery classes. Mrs. Andreoni stated they would also be going to the parochial schools and doing a summer school presentation for them. Summer school packets will be going out on Thursday and the registration will be open until May 24. In order for a summer school class to be held it will need 15-18 students and if a class doesn't get that many students, the teacher will be informed they need to recruit more students to run their class. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by G. Moses to approve the 2019 summer school course guides. The motion carried 7-0.

Credit Reimbursement for Teachers: Superintendent J. Sorbie stated that for the current school year 2018-2019 the district did not offer credit reimbursement. She would like to propose that under the new budget we go back to offer credit reimbursement to the teachers. They would ask for permission by filling out the paperwork, be approved/denied by the Superintendent and when they completed the course turn in their grade report to receive the reimbursement. Dr. Sorbie would like teachers to be able to starting courses over the summer. The board asked that this item be on the agenda for their next meeting.

Request for Early Graduation: Superintendent J. Sorbie stated that per board policy if a student wants to graduate a full year early it needs board approval. This student wants to graduate a full year early and grade are good and she is on track to graduate early. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by J. Andreoni to approve the request for early graduation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Results of Annual Board Development Tool Survey: Superintendent J. Sorbie stated that she was not sure all questions were answered by all the board and maybe more discussion about this could be held during the summer at a board retreat on your board goals and your board perceptions. More discussion could also help on what the questions were really asking and what you are not hearing and what you don't understand in items presented to the board. The board felt further discussion during the summer was a good idea.

Oath of Office for Elected Board Members: Notary Public Karen Logterman gave the Oath of Office to Tiffany Schutt, Sharon Gonzalez and David Henriott.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent J. Sorbie asked for a board member interested in reviewing the Employee Handbook for updates before the school year ends. Board member D. Grams volunteered. Dr. Sorbie also stated that the district would hold a district yard sale to close out the storage units on May 18 and 19. We will advertise it and hold it at Darien Elementary School. Superintendent J. Sorbie thanked and presented outgoing board member John Andreoni with a D-D Comets athletic seat. Thank you John!

Future Agenda Items: Live stream board meetings

Next Meeting Date: April 22, 2019 – Regular meeting – 6:30p.m./7:00p.m.
May 13, 2019 – Regular meeting – 7:00p.m.
May 22, 2019 – Regular meeting – 6:30p.m./7:00p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by J. Andreoni and seconded by T, Schutt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:06p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President