

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

President Jeffery Scherer called the regular meeting of the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education held at the Phoenix Middle School cafeteria to order at 7:00p.m.

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

Administrators Present: District Administrator J. Sorbie, Director of Pupil Services M. Burke, Principals K. Pickel, A. Urmanski, J. Karedes, Associate Principal B. Fossler

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

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez to approve the agenda as presented and R. Deschner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes August 24, 2020: A motion was made by R. Deschner and seconded by D. Grams to approve the minutes from August 24, 2020 regular/closed meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Student Council Report: Student Council is in the process of selecting a representative.

Citizen Comments: Resident Andy Terpstra addressed the Board.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the Manifest of Bills dated September 14, 2020; gifts/grants for 517 filled backpacks, jeans, Goodwill gift certificates and Hernandez gift certificates from Lakeland Community Church – Lake Geneva, WI, and iWave air purifying devices for Woods Room, Fab Lab, Trainers Room and classrooms from Adams Powerful Solutions – Elkhorn, WI; and the staff resignation for the 2020-2021 school year will be discussed in closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

DDHS Art Trip to Europe Spring Break 2021: Art Teacher, Rachel Watson stated that the art program at the high school is currently scheduled to take a trip to London, Paris, and Rome at the end of March 2021 with EF Tours. She stated that at the moment travel to Europe is not available and there is no way to know when travel will open back up. The travel company has offered to push the trip back a year and that there are options for individuals to cancel their trip or use the money that they have already spent to go towards an adult, non-school-sponsored trip through the company if they decide not to go on this trip. The issue would be with seniors that might not be able to attend the trip when being pushed back a year, but there are some options for them to attend. Ms. Watson stated that you can cancel 45 days before the trip with the cancellation fee being \$500. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to make a decision 60 days prior to the postponement to March 2022 or to go forward in March 2021. The motion carried on a 6-1 vote with D. Grams voting against the motion.

Phoenix Sports Proposal: Principal A. Urmanski and Athletic Director C. Nelson spoke about Phoenix Middle School sports activities and how the fall sports will need to be intramurals as schools in the conference have decided to keep their sports in house and not compete against other schools at this time. Athletic Director Nelson explained that girls' basketball would be a four week session of intramurals and that cross country has been cancelled as there are no schools to compete against. He stated that flag football intramurals will run for 6 weeks beginning September 21. Mr. Nelson also stated that there will not be wrestling for the middle school beginning in October for the same reason of no other schools to

compete against. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Deschner to approve the middle school athletics as proposed at least through the October timeframe and until girls' volleyball starts and administration can make adjustments as needed. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Financial Statement for August 31, 2020: District Administrator J. Sorbie reviewed the financial statement. Operating cash on hand \$3,955,208.67, funds accessed on business line of credit \$0.00 and net operating funds of \$3,955,208.67. The purchasing card usage for the month ending August 31, 2020 was \$47,967.26. A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the financial statement dated August 31, 2020. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Dousman Special Education Transportation Contract: A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by G. Moses to approve the Dousman Special Education transportation contract. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Seclusion & Restraint Report for the 2019-2020 School Year: Director of Pupil Services M. Burke gave a report on the seclusion and restraint report for the 2019-2020 school year. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the seclusion and restraint report for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Acceptance of Stipend for Virtual Program Teachers: District Administrator J. Sorbie asked the board to accept the stipends of \$1,000 per trimester or \$1,500 per semester for virtual program teachers as discussed in closed session last month. A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the stipends for the virtual program teachers as discussed last month in closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Second Reading NEOLA Board Policy 0167.3 – Citizen Comments: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by G. Moses to not approve the second reading and rework the policy. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. Board members D. Grams and G. Moses will work on this policy.

First Reading NEOLA Board Policy 5200 – Attendance: A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the first reading of NEOLA Board Policy 5200 - Attendance. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

District Administrator Report: District Administrator J. Sorbie reported that the WEF College Fair will be going virtual this year as everyone is thinking outside the box on new ways to do things. Emails have been sent out to all 9-12 graders. Dr. Sorbie gave a COVID update on recalling that the mask mandate expires on September 28 (Governor has now extended to November 21) and before that she was working with the Walworth County Health Department who is recommending that schools continue face coverings through the end of the year. Dr. Sorbie stated that she is following their recommendations and will continue with face coverings through the end of the year. We will be sharing this with our families. Dr. Sorbie is daily working with students and staff illnesses on follow ups. Dr. Sorbie talked about the referendum and that there are placards in every building and we will be using those during different events. The first referendum mailing went out and hopefully hitting mailboxes by Friday. Facebook boosts will start this Friday thru Sunday. We are currently looking at getting a drone to video the property. There will be a public meeting on October 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Borg Stadium where we will offer anyone who comes to the 5:30 p.m. meeting free tickets to the game for coming to the informational meeting on the referendum for facilities. This will be the only night that everyone will be allowed to attend the football game, but you must attend the 5:30 p.m. meeting. Scherer Construction will be in attendance that evening to talk about the repairs that are needed.

Dr. Sorbie also stated that there will be backpack stuffers going home with students in early October and then another one around October 23. Scherer Construction will be doing a page for the Delavan Enterprise targeting the October 1 edition. We are also looking at doing a banner across downtown Delavan and we will be having a table at the Scarecrow Fest where we will be advocating for saving Borg Stadium. Dr. Sorbie also stated that our new website will go live on Wednesday and it will not be perfect as we still have some work to do on it, but it should be easier to navigate and find information. The board will be hearing at the next board meetings from each school on what is happening academically in their classrooms. You will hear from Darien and DDHS on October 12 and from Turtle Creek and Phoenix at the October 28 meeting. In November you will hear from instructional coaches and Michelle Minton will talk about the CLC program. These presentations should demonstrate what is happening for teaching and learning in our schools.

Future Agenda Items: None

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – October 12, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – Phoenix Middle School
Regular Meeting – October 28, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – Phoenix Middle School

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Deschner to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss and take action, if appropriate, on employment, promotion, compensation and performance evaluation data for employees. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes.

The Board went into closed session at 8:38 p.m. and held discussions.

A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by R. Deschner to reconvene into open session at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to terminate the Coordinator of Marketing and Communications effective immediately or based on District Administrator needs. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Henriott to approve two coaches, if needed, for Phoenix 7/8th grade girls' basketball at \$800.00 per coach. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

A motion was made R. Deschner and seconded by T. Schutt to accept the Anne Mannelli resignation with agreement. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

There being no further business, a motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by R. Deschner to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:36p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President