

**DELAVAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 703**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Delavan Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 in the Library. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Vannaken at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were Heather Bernhardt, Angela Kemper, Mark Gasper, Jessica Dare, and Matt Shipton. Brad Pierson was absent. Also in attendance was Mrs. Amanda Geary, Superintendent; Staci Harper, Elementary/JH Principal; Amy Albers, HS Principal/Special Education Coordinator; Carolyn Zimmer, Board Secretary; Ms. Brandi Clendenny, Union rep; Mr. Allen, FFA sponsor; Ms. Secor, FCCLA sponsor; Elisha Waggoner, Izzy Brockwood, Kylin Brockhouse, FCCLA officers and member; Brady Wildenrad, community member.

*The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag* was recited.

**Reception of Visitors**

Chairman Vannaken welcomed all visitors.

**Agenda**

Elisha Waggoner, Izzy Brockwood, and Kylin Brockhouse presented pictures and a summary of the IGNITE Conference. At the conference, students planned out the school year, family lunches and other events with other chapters. The club has seen a lot of growth with 4 new people signing up. They have planned 8 competitive events at Delavan and have already raised \$400 for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Shipton, Second by Vannaken to approve the September 25 Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes; current bills (including imprest), September 27, 2024 and October 11, 2024 payrolls; destruction of video/audio closed session minutes after 18 months old. By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, yea; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried.

**Personnel**

Motion by Gasper, Second by Bernhardt to approve the hiring of Krista Dare as JH Assistant Volleyball Coach. By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, abstain; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Vannaken, Second by Kemper to approve the hiring of Connor Sloan as HS Assistant Boys Track Coach. By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, yea; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Dare, Second by Vannaken to approve Charlie Hodges as volunteer coach for JH Baseball, JH Basketball, and HS Baseball. By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, yea; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Bernhardt, Second by Shipton to accept Stacey Green's resignation as JH assistant softball coach. By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, yea; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Geary reported that she has been working on the levy, and requested a meeting with the Finance Committee before the November meeting. She reported that the EAV is up about \$3.8 million. She always works with somebody from the state to make sure everything that needs to be captured is in the levy is successfully captured.

### **New Business**

Motion by Vannaken, Second by Shipton to approve attending the FFA National Conference. By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, yea; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Shipton, Seconded by Kemper to approve 2024-2025 Senior Class trip to Wisconsin Dells from May 8-11, 2025. By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, yea; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Vannaken, Seconded by Bernhardt to approve Press Plus Issue 116. By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, yea; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried.

### **Principals' Reports**

Mrs. Harper reported that the Elementary has been busy with a lot of drills (fire, bus evacuation, earthquake, and 1 more fire drill in the spring). The SEL team met with Theresa Olson from the Regional Office of Education and tried to talk specifically about the SEL of 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades. The Elementary has hosted Community Fitness Day and Parent/Teacher conferences. The Art, Music and PE teachers have sent out first quarter newsletters. The Junior High Student Council hosted Red Ribbon Week and invited the entire school to participate. October 31 will see the Costume Parade and Harvest Day parties; Mrs. Harper wanted to extend a special thanks to the room parents. The Junior High Student Council is hosting a party during the school day.

Mrs. Albers explained to the Board that the High School has been participating in Halloween jeopardy as well as different minute-to-win-it games. The Speech Team will participate in their first tournament on November 16. The team currently has 21 students and expects to take 25-35 events to each tournament. Auditions for the high school musical, Oklahoma, will take place Thursday, November 21. (The musical will take place March 14-16.) 11 FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis and another 12 went for a day-trip to the College/Career Expo and business session to see Will LaFary recognized as a national finalist with his Record Book.

### **Communications/Information**

CrisisGO is an app that the teachers and staff can have on their phones which allows them to be notified in the event of an emergency without having to carry a walkie talkie. Mrs. Brasel, Mrs. Zeurcher and Mrs. Noreuil hosted a paper pumpkin craft for the teachers during which they made paper pumpkins out of the old books from the library. Mrs. Albers and Mrs. Harper are putting a lot of effort into SEL this year, focusing on building relationships between students, students and teachers, and the teachers with each other.

### **Executive Session**

At this point in the meeting, all attendees left except the Board, the administration, and the Board Secretary. Motion by Shipton, Second by Dare to enter into executive session to discuss “The appointment, employment compensation discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity” (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)), amended by P.A. 101-459; “collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees” (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Student disciplinary cases (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)).” By Roll Call Vote: Bernhardt, yea; Dare, yea; Gasper, yea; Kemper, yea; Shipton, yea; Vannaken, yea; Pierson was absent. Motion carried. Executive Session began at 7:32 p.m.

Return to Open Session at 8:25 p.m. Roll Call: Bernhardt, here; Dare, here; Gasper, here; Kemper, here; Pierson, absent; Shipton, here; Vannaken, here.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Dare, Second by Shipton to adjourn the regular meeting. By Voice Vote: Yea – 6; Nay – 0. Motion carried. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_