MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
NOVEMBER 18, 2019

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 7:00 p.m.

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

Administrators Present: Superintendent J. Sorbie, Business Administrator A. Klein, Director of Pupil Services M. Burke, Principal K. Pickel

The press was represented by Cathy Kozlowicz, *The Delavan Enterprise.*

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the October 30, 2019 regular session meeting were unanimously approved on a Deschner/Schutt motion.

Student Council Report: President Jacob Prado reported that they were on schedule with recycling and that they just finished their Veterans Day assembly. Their next project will be scheduling winter week and picking a theme.

District Kudos: Superintendent J. Sorbie introduced Brian Vissers the new Coordinator of Marketing and Communications that began his duties today, November 18. Dr. Sorbie reported that before the inservice day on November 1 the staff did share-out recognition to other staff members in the district. There were 107 different share-outs during the November inservice.

Citizens Comments: Resident Andy Terpstra addressed the board.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by G. Moses to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Manifest of Bills and gift of $750 in school supplies and $200 check for elementary students from Jonathan Wish Foundation – Sharon, WI. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Overview of 2018-19 CLC Year and Start to 2019-2020 CLC Year: CLC site supervisor Michelle Minton gave a report about the 2018-19 CLC year in review and the start of the 2019-2020 CLC year. Highlights of last year were that in the challenge youth to develop as learners the first grade class had growth from 31% to 40% proficiency in reading and from 26% to 56% proficiency in math. During the 128 days in session, the average daily attendance was 71 students where 77% of students were students of poverty. The program partners with Aram Public Library, UW-Whitewater Counselor Education, UW-Whitewater Science Outreach, DNR, UW-Whitewater Extension – Nutrition, UW-Whitewater Music Department, 4H, Food Service and Walworth County Public Health. For the 2019-2020 school year CLC is looking forward with partnering with NASA engineering.

2018-2019 State Report Card Results: Superintendent J. Sorbie reported to the board that last week the state report card results were un-embargoed. These report cards are accountability indexes with two main parts. Part 1 has four priority areas of student achievement, district growth, closing caps and on-track and postsecondary readiness, while Part 2 is student engagement indicators measuring chronic absenteeism and dropout rate. Dr. Sorbie reviewed each school by the accountability indexes. The district went from a five star district of significantly exceeds expectations to a four star district of exceeds expectations. Dr. Sorbie reported that last year was a rough year on staff with the big class sizes the district had having cut 39 teachers. We are hopeful that going back to small class sizes with the community approved referendum our achievement scores will come back. We need the community to understand that teaching with big class sizes is an impossible feat to have quality teaching going on. We look forward to seeing the results for next year in hopes our state report card will put us back to a five star district.

Financial Statement for Month Ending October 31, 2019: Business Administrator A. Klein reviewed the financial statement. Mr. Klein stated the operating cash on hand is $1,696,604.70, funds accessed on business line of credit $1,000,000.00, and net operating funds $696,604.70. The purchasing card usage for the month ending October 31, 2019 was $47,894.78. A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Henriott to accept the financial statement for month ending October 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reader Farm Land Rental Price for 2020: The district owns 18.4 tillable acres formerly known as the J. Reader Family Trust Farm. The current rental price is $96 per tillable acre and the board requested the district to explore the possibility of a rental price increase for 2020. It was determined that the state average is $137 per acre and the Walworth County average is $185. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to approve an increase to lease the land to $137 per acre and offer to lease to Del Prairie Stock Farm, Inc. for the 2020 calendar year. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

School Safety Update & Approval: Director of Pupil Services, M. Burke, reviewed with the board all district buildings lock down drill reports and safety assessments from their first annual safety drill. A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by T. Schutt that the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education has reviewed and certified that a written evaluation of each hard lockdown/imminent threat drill for each building in the district was reviewed by the Board of Education, that all Delavan-Darien School District staff have been trained between the period of October 1 and October 31, 2019 on Mandatory Reporting of Threats of School Violence, and that the Delavan-Darien School District has consulted with local law enforcement agencies to conduct on-site safety assessments at each building and addressed any feedback reported as a result of those assessments. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Review & Discuss 2018-2019 PI-1505 Annual Report: Business Administration A. Klein reported that each year the district is required to submit an annual report showing revenues, expenses, and fund balances for all district funds. Mr. Klein pointed out that the District ended the year with a surplus of $454,451.81 versus the $3,423.41 originally estimated in the original budget. This increase was due to the people you have in the district working to get every dollar entitled to the district. The district applied for transfer of service and high cost special education reimbursement that was not done in previous years and also received additional dollars that were unanticipated from energy efficiency projects, Focus on Energy rebates, a Medicare settlement and the sale of surplus items. This report will be placed on the District's Finance webpage. This report is informational only.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent J. Sorbie gave an update on the Strategic Plan strategies 1-5. Dr. Sorbie also thanked Principal J. Karedes for going to testify in support of Assembly Bill 422, the so-called Tobacco 21 bill at a public hearing before the Assembly Committee on Substance Abuse and Prevention. Dr. Sorbie stated that she has emailed Senator Nass to come and see our all day 4K program but has had no response back. She will be reaching out again with an invitation.

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – December 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting – December 23, 2019 – Cancelled

A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by D. Henriott to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c),(e) to approve closed session minutes of November 12, 2019, to discuss and take action, if appropriate, on the employment, compensation and staffing of employees and bargaining for DDEA. The polled vote: D. Grams (yes), R. Deschner (yes), S. Gonzalez (yes), J. Scherer, (yes), G. Moses (yes), D. Henriott (yes), and T. Schutt (yes). Motion carried 7-0. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

The board went into closed session and discussion were held.

A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the closed session minutes of November 12, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reconvened in open session at 10:16 p.m.

A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by D. Henriott to issue a $1,000 bonus to Laura Prado for the successful summer school program. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by G. Moses to accept the resignation of Kelly Jones effective December 6, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by R. Deschner and seconded by D. Henriott to adjourn the closed session meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:18p.m.

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Karen Logterman, Secretary

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Jeffery Scherer, Board President