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BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
APRIL 22, 2026

President D. Henriott called the special meeting of the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education held at the High School School Auditorium to order at 6:00p.m.

Board Members Present: D. Henriott, T. Schutt, D. Salas, D. Kirkpatrick, K. Hermann, K. Pohl, J. Johnson

Administrators Present: Superintendent D. Halbesma; Business Administrator A. Klein; Director of Pupil Services M. Burke; Interim Director of Teaching & Learning K. Jones; Director of Marketing & Communications A. Duchemin; Principals: J. Karedes, B. Rowe, S. Waller, J. Wehrenberg

Approval of Agenda: The Board moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

2026-2027 Dual Language Programming: Director of Pupil Services M. Burke and Interim Director of Teaching & Learning K. Jones presented similar slides to the April 13th board meeting, but clarified any misinterpreted information, and shared additional information regarding the Seal of Biliteracy, J1 international program, and staffing/recruitment efforts.

Citizen Comments: The following individuals registered to speak regarding the 2026-2027 Dual Language Programming agenda item and their support of the program: Berenice Solis, Logan Becker, Owen Alter, Ty Hillson, Alondra Garcia, Lindsey Peterson, Irma Nixon, Gilberto Espinoza, Lisa Wheelock-Roney, Ben Rung, Siobhan Rung, Melinda Allen, Kim Hansen, Joleen & Ezme DeBuck, Ryan DeBuck, Kerry Alter, Peggy Fleck, Valeria Coronado, Teresa Ortega, Khloe Koepke, Lesley Luna, Emmitt Luna, Clara Rodriguez, Keri Jacobs, Cindy Brown, Vanesa Valadez, Jasmine Yanez, Erin McClellan Baerwald, Melania Borchert, Milagros Armenta, Allison Sussek, Natalia Jesberger, Laura Prado, Inez Ezeli, and Meredith Harvey. Citizen Comments ended at 8:40p.m.

Actions: A motion was made by K. Pohl and seconded by T. Schutt to create a Dual Language Advisory Committee *(made up of teachers, administrators, parents, community members, Board members, and students)* prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by K. Hermann to use the Center for Teaching Bi-literacy recommendations to guide professional development planning for the Dual Language staff for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

After much discussion and consideration, a motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Salas to table any Dual Language programming change. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0. The Board would discuss more at the May 11th regular meeting with the budget implications with the various options.

The Board moved to go into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss and take action, if appropriate, regarding the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, to discuss and take action, if appropriate, regarding the compensation of employees, and to consider the preliminary notices of contract non-renewal of specific teachers pursuant to Wis. Stat. §118.22. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes from D. Henriott, T. Schutt, D. Salas, D. Kirkpatrick, K. Hermann, K. Pohl, J. Johnson. Open session ended at 9:08p.m. and the Board went into closed session.

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Jaclyn Powell, Secretary Dave Henriott, President