MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
FEBRUARY 10, 2025

President Dave Henriott called the regular meeting of the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education held at the School Administration Center to order at 6:00p.m.

Board Members Present: D. Henriott, D. Salas, D. Kirkpatrick, K. Hermann, T. Schutt, K. Pohl, G. Moses

Administrators Present: Superintendent D. Halbesma; Director of Teaching & Learning J. Thompson; Director of Pupil Services M. Burke; Director of Buildings & Grounds J. McKinney; Athletic Director K. Polzin; Coordinator of Marketing & Communications A. Duchemin; Principals: J. Karedes, B. Rowe, S. Waller, K. Pickel

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

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by G. Moses to approve the agenda as presented, but removing item 12 (closed session) and adding 5D (student recognition) and T. Schutt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote of 7-0.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by K. Hermann and seconded by D. Kirkpatrick to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2025 regular and closed meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote of 7-0.

DDHS Student Council Report: President Harlie Seuser reported on the 122 students who attended the Sadie Hawkins Dance on Saturday, February 1, 2025. Mr. Stark dj'd the dance, and the Student Council donated $1,000 to the High School Band Trip. She stated the annual blood drive will be held on February 27, 2025, and the Student Council will be assisting in the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. Finally, Student Council members are looking at tutoring in the Academic Center during the school day.

DDHS First Semester Honor Roll: Congratulations from the Board on the number of students listed on the honor roll for the first semester.

Staff Recognition - Reading Team, Instructional Coaches and Math Interventionists: Director of Teaching and Learning J. Thompson gave recognition to the handful of staff who have been tasked with the implementation of ACT 20 in an effort to support the implementation of the Science of Reading instruction. Reading Team of Jen Grossen, Jenni Hildebrandt, Helen Guerrero Castro, Kelly Laschinger, Katrina Loebel and Matthew Hadlock. Instructional Coaches Team: Jessica Draffkorn, Sara Daubner, Irma Nixon, and Joseph Wehrenberg. EL Coordinator: Cindy Brown. Teaching and Learning Coordinator: Kelly Jones. Math Interventionists: Cori James, Erin Rae and Amber Hooverson. In addition to those recognized, she also spoke on the entirety of the teaching and support staff and building administrators who are also involved with the implementation.

Student Recognition - DDHS Wrestling Conference Champions: Athletic Director K. Polzin and Head Wrestling Coach C. Williams presented the four student-athletes who won RVC wrestling championships. The first ever girls wrestling conference champion was Natalia Jesberger at 165. And the following boys won in their weight class: Brody Nicols at 175, Rocco Fusco at 190 and Dylan Beighton at 215.

Citizens Comments: No citizen comments.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Salas to approve the Manifest of Bills dated February 10, 2025; gifts and grants of $450.00 for the DDHS Gametime Radio Renewal from Blended Coffee House; $1000.00 for the DDHS Robotics Club from Convenience Store Technologies LLC; $1650.00 for Comet Care Closet from Sugar Creek Lutheran Church; staff retirement for the 2025-2026 school year for Julie Ropers-Rosendahl - General Music Teacher. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

DDHS Football Fundraiser for the 2025-26 School Year: Athletic Director K. Polzin and Head Football Coach M. Kibler presented the use of Leading Edge as the DDHS Football Teams primary fundraising effort for the 2025 season. A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the 25-26 DDHS Football Fundraiser with Leading Edge. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

Addition of Assistant Track and Field Coaching Position: Athletic Director K. Polzin presented on the growth of the track and field team as last year they had 63 participants with 5 total coaches. K. Polzin requested an additional assistant track and field coach, if approved there would be 1 head coach and 5 assistants which would make the coach-to-athlete ratio more manageable to provide individualized attention. A motion was made by D. Salas and seconded by K. Pohl to approve one additional paid assistant coaching position at the rate of $2,300 for the track and field program. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

New Course Proposal: Psychology 202 PIE: Director of Teaching and Learning J. Thompson presented on the new course proposal for next school year, as Julie Quartucci was approved to teach a psychology PIE course for students to gain college credits. A motion was made by K. Pohl and seconded by T. Schutt to approve Psychology 202 for the 25-26 school year. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote 7-0.

Approval of ECCP/SCN for Summer 2025: A motion was made by G. Moses and seconded by K. Hermann to approve the SCN summer application as presented with the administration recommendation. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

2025-26 Phoenix Grading Periods: Quarters/Semesters: Superintendent D. Halbesma presented on updating the trimesters at Phoenix to semesters to adjust to the new allied arts schedule for next school year. A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by D. Kirkpatrick to amend the Phoenix calendar to quarters/semesters. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

Setting School Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year: Superintendent D. Halbemsa presented on school fees remaining the same for the 25-26 school year the same due to inflation and the current operational referendum. A motion was made by T. Schutt and seconded by K. Hermann to approve a 0% increase to the school fees for the 2025-26 academic year. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

Financial Statement for January 31, 2025: Superintendent D. Halbesma presented the financial statement for the month ending January 31, 2025 provided by the Business Administrator A. Klein who was out sick. Operating cash on hand $4,270,792.13, funds accessed on business line of credit $0.00, and net operating funds $4,270,792.13. The purchasing card usage for the month ending December 20, 2024 was $60,973.07. A motion was made by D. Kirkpatrick and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the financial statement for the month ending January 31, 2025. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote of 7-0.

Superintendent Report: D. Halbesma reviewed the upcoming agenda items for March: DDSD family/staff survey results and a presentation from a facilities and capital planning company. He also spoke on the upcoming state biennium budget and the impact it will have on school districts across the state.

Future Agenda Items: None

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting - March 10, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting - April 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by K. Pohl and seconded by D. Henriott to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

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Jaclyn Powell, Secretary Dave Henriott, President