DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 27, 2026 – 6:00 pm.

1.	A. In accordance with Board Procedure, BP-5, this meeting will be live streamed and recorded, and can be viewed on the District YouTube channel.
2.	Convene President Gail Lovick called the July 27, 2026 Regular meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m in the Boardroom of the District Office, 500 S. Cleveland Avenue, DeForest, WI 53532. Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz verified that the meeting was properly noticed. Board members present: Jan Berg, Brian Coker, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, and Stephanie Sarr. Absent were: Sue Esser and Megan Taylor. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Dyanna Kadrich, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger, Roz Craney, Russ Tronson, and Kathy Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jan Berg recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.
3.	Approval of the Agenda A. Approve Agenda On a motion by Coker, seconded by Leonhart, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.
4.	Announcements by the Chair The Board may convene into Closed Session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) (Superintendent evaluation)
5.	Introduction of New Principals A. Introduction of Danette Seboe, High School Principal, and Matt Paris, Harvest Intermediate School Principal <u>Discussion</u>: Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz, introduced the new High School Principal, Danette Seboe, and the new Harvest Intermediate School Principal, Matt Paris.
6.	Board Business & possible Board action

A. Presentation by Jamie Rybarczyk, Windsor Deputy Administrator and Bob Wipperfurth, Windsor Village President, on proposed grant of Sanitary Sewer Easement to Village of Windsor through real estate described as Lot 4, Certified Survey Map No. 15330

Discussion: Windsor Village President, Bob Wipperfurth, Windsor Deputy Administrator, Jamie Rybarczyk, Nick Bubolz, Town & Country Engineering, were present to provide information on a proposed grant of Sanitary Sewer Easement to the Village of Windsor.

B. Consideration and possible action on proposed grant of Sanitary Sewer Easement to Village of Windsor through real estate described as Lot 4, Certified Survey Map No. 15330

The Board is seeking more information on the financial impact from the loss of the land and also on the benefit to the district from having the sewer and water system installed.

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Lewis, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the proposed grant of the Sanitary Sewer Easement to Village of Windsor through real estate described as Lot 4, Certified Survey Map No. 15330. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:
Aye - Brian Coker, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, and Stephanie Sarr. Naye - Berg, Hahn, and Leonhart. Absent - Esser, and Taylor.

C. Presentation and possible approval of Board Policy OE-8, Communicating with the Board Monitoring Report

Discussion: Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz, presented the monitoring report for Board Policy OE-8, Communicating with the Board. The report was presented as being in compliance.

On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Coker, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to accept OE-8, Communicating with the Board, Board Policy Monitoring Report, as being in compliance, presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

On a motion by Coker, seconded by Sarr, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve OE-8, Communicating with the Board, Board Policy Monitoring Report, as being in compliance, as presented. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

D. Gather input for summary statement for OE-8, Communicating with the Board Monitoring Report

Discussion: The Board provided input for the Governance Officers to create a summary statement for the OE-8 Communicating with the Board Monitoring Report.

	The summary statement will be approved at a future Board meeting. E. Presentation and possible approval of 2026-2027 District Budget draft, in preparation for the DASD Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 28, 2026 Discussion: Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips presented the 2026-2027 District Budget draft. She explained that the budget remains aligned with the initial parameters from April 13, 2026. She also provided information regarding changes in property values, equalization aid estimates, athletic funding, and capital projects planning. Finally, she outlined revenue and expense assumptions and the next steps for the 2026-2027 budget, which include preparation for the District Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing on September 28, 2026. On a motion by Berg, seconded by Hahn, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education voted to approve the preliminary 2026-2027 District Budget, in preparation for the District Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing on September 28, 2026, as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
7.	Board Education A. Board education on schoolboard.net - board management software program Discussion: Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Toetz reminded the Board about the new website accessibility requirements as it relates to online Board packets and public information on the District website. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) requires that public school district websites and digital content comply with new ADA Title II accessibility standards (WCAG 2.1 Level AA). For the DeForest Area School District, the compliance deadline is April 26, 2028. In order to be in compliance with this requirement, the District and Board of Education are transitioning to a new board management software program - schoolboard.net beginning on August 10, 2026. Executive Assistants, Ann Stettbacher, and Tonya Teeters, helped the Board review the new agenda style, and practice with the new system during the meeting.
8.	Public Input - None.
9.	Board Consent Agenda A. Accept Minutes - June 8, 2026 & June 22, 2026 B. Approval of District Content Standards for 2026-2027 school year C. Approval of Summary Statements for Board Monitoring Reports - OE-3, OE-9, OE-10, OE-11 D. Approval of Children at Risk Programming Berg made a motion, Coker, seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
10.	Superintendent Consent Agenda A. Personnel Recommendations *Certified Staff Recommendations for Board Approval*

	I. Separations: Danielle Davies, Family and Consumer Science Teacher DAHS II. Appointments: Kate Erickson, School Nurse DAHS/DAMS, replacing Andrea Chiles Gretchen McClain, Yearbook Teacher (one-year only, 0.15 FTE) DAHS, continuing assignment Kevin Crevcoure, Physical Education Teacher Harvest, replacing Brendon Plowe III. Other: Tiffany Runge, Special Education Teacher Intern, YES *Other Administrative Actions* I. Separations: Ann Stettbacher, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent DO, retirement effective 8/3/2026 Kate Erickson, Health Room Assistant District, resignation effective 6/9/2026 Samuel Locke, Special Education Assistant Harvest, resignation effective 6/9/2026 Bessi Tejada Funes, Custodian Harvest, resignation effective 6/18/2026 Lindsey Ghiloni, Special Education Assistant EPES, resignation effective 6/9/2026 Kevin Hongmanivanh, Recess WES, resignation effective 6/9/2026 Hannah Hallahan, Special Education Assistant YES, resignation effective 6/9/2026 Alex Galvez Ramirez, Custodian B&G, resignation effective 5/29/2026 II. Appointments: Alexandria Bostley, Food Services Manager DO, new position Marty Derenne, LMC Assistant DAHS, replacing Sarah Kerska Erin Cummings, Special Education Assistant DAMS, replacing Shay Jones Ryan Vines, Special Education Assistant DAMS, replacing Tiffany Runge Jonathan Schulz, Special Education Assistant Harvest, replacing Sam Locke Chloe Marchante, Recess WES, replacing Marlene Lawton Josephine McGuire, Special Education Assistant WES, replacing Patricia Roesel Sara Schlender, Special Education Assistant WES, replacing Katie McKeown Emily Marks, Special Education Assistant YES, new position Abigail Murdaugh, Recess YES, replacing Matthew Kuhns III. Other: Tonya Teeters, Accounting Assistant DO to Executive Assistant DO, replacing Ann Stettbacher Christine Vroman, Recess Harvest to LMC Assistant DAMS, replacing Tina Fredrickson Angela Crawford, Food Service Assistant EPES to Food Service Assistant YES, replacing Shefkije Amiti Pam Seeley, Recess WES to Recess EPES, replacing Jennifer Johnson Matthew Kuhns, Recess YES to Special Education Assistant YES, new position B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer's Report Paid: 212239 - 212489, 252602968 -262700111, 202500583 - 202600029 Leonhart made a motion, Sarr, seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
11.	Press Verification No member of the press was present at this time.
12.	Convene into Closed Session Coker moved, Berg, seconded, to move into closed session at 7:35 pm. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye –Berg, Coker, Hahn, Leonhart, Lewis, Lovick, and Sarr. Naye – None. Absent – Esser & Taylor.

	While in Closed Session, the Board conducted business in accordance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(c).[Superintendent evaluation]
14.	Reconvene into Open Session On a motion by Hahn, seconded by Coker, and passed by a unanimous show of hands the Board of Education reconvened into open session at 8:15 pm.
15.	Further discussion or action related to Closed Session business
16.	Board Debrief
17.	Adjourn The Board of Education adjourned at 8:24 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Sarr, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
	DASD BOE President Signature:
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