DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 10, 2026 – 6:00 pm.

1.	Convene President Gail Lovick called the Monday, August 10, 2026 Work Session meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m in The Glenn 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, Sue Esser, Jeff Hahn, Linda Leonhart, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, and Megan Taylor. Absent were: Stephanie Sarr. 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. Jeff Hahn recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.
2.	Approval of the Agenda A. Approve Agenda On a motion by Berg, seconded by Esser, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.
3.	Board Objective A. Strengthen board understanding of Google Gemini AI, proposed monitoring report indicator revisions, and alignment of Board priorities with the proposed 2026-2027 Board of Education annual work plan.
4.	Board Education A. Board education regarding Google Gemini Artificial Intelligence with Russ Tronsen, Director of Learning & Information Systems Department <u>Discussion</u>: Russ Tronsen, Director of Learning & Information Systems, presented on the district's utilization of Google Gemini. He outlined the rationale for adopting Gemini as the district's exclusive AI tool, emphasizing its closed-system architecture, which ensures data privacy. Additionally, Mr. Tronsen provided training on effective platform usage, including prompt engineering strategies. B. Discuss possible monitoring report indicator revisions for R-2 Academic Performance, R-3 Self-Directed Complex Thinkers, R-4 Collaborative and

	Responsible Citizens, OE-10 Learning Environment, and OE-11 Instructional Program Discussion: Kate Dabetic (Director of Curriculum & Instruction, 4K-6), Chris Smith (Director of Curriculum & Instruction, 7-12), and Dyanna Kadrich (Director of Student Services) presented proposed revisions for several monitoring report indicators, including R-2, R-3, R-4, OE-10, and OE-11. The Board engaged in a discussion and provided feedback on these updates.
5.	Board Conversation A. Board review of potential 2026-2027 Board Annual Work Plan Discussion: The Board worked in groups to align district priorities with the draft 2026-2027 Board Annual Work Plan. This document, incorporating the Board's suggested revisions, will be presented for final approval at a future meeting.
6.	Press Verification
7.	Board Debrief
8.	Adjourn The Board of Education adjourned at 8:02 pm on a motion by Hahn, seconded by Coker, and passed unanimously by voice vote.
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