DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 24, 2026 – 6:00 pm

1. Announcement

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

A. President Gail Lovick called the August 24, 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, Sue Esser, Linda Leonhart, Gail Lovick, Stephanie Sarr, and Megan Taylor. Absent were: Jeff Hahn and Gussie Lewis. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, Dyanna Kadrich, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger, Roz Craney, and Kathy Williams.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Sue Esser recited the DeForest Area School District's Mission, Vision, and Equity Statements.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A. Approve Agenda

On a motion by Taylor, seconded by Berg, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.

4. Board Education

A. Joe Schroeder from The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) provided a brief overview of work that was done with the School Administrators Institute for Transformational Leadership (SAIL) on continuous improvement planning processes.

Discussion:
Joe Schroeder presented a comprehensive overview of the SAIL program, detailing its history, structural framework, and application within the district. He outlined the specific process staff will use to establish and achieve targeted student learning goals. Additionally, Schroeder shared comparative outcome data from participating districts and addressed questions from the Board.

B. Overview and discussion of future Board of Education communication events

Discussion:
Kathy Williams, Coordinator of School & Community Relations, shared upcoming community engagement opportunities with the Board. Following the discussion, Board members selected and signed up for specific events to attend.

5. Board Business & possible Board action

A. Resolution authorizing sale of 520 E. Holum Street, DeForest, Wisconsin

Discussion:
Director of Business & Auxiliary Services, Kathleen Davis-Phillips, shared a brief history of the Holum Education Center. She provided information on the proposed resolution for the sale of the Holum Education Center property.

On a motion by Berg, seconded by Taylor, the DeForest Area School District Board of Education approved the resolution, as presented, authorizing the sale of 520 E. Holum Street, DeForest, Wisconsin 53532. The motion was passed unanimously with a roll call vote, with Hahn and Lewis absent.

6. Public Input

A. None.

7. Board Consent Agenda

A. Accept Minutes - July 24, 2026 & August 10, 2026
B. Approval of Board Monitoring Report Summary Statement for OE-8 Communicating with the Board
C. Approval of Annual DeForest Area School District Safety Plan 2026-2027
D. Approval of Board of Education Annual Work Plan
E. Approval of indicator revisions for R-2 Literacy, R-3 Self-Directed Complex Thinkers, and OE-10 Learning Environment

Sarr made a motion, Berg seconded to approve the Board Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

8. Superintendent Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Recommendations

Certified Staff Recommendations for Board Approval
Appointments - Family and Consumer Science Teacher (one-year), DAHS; Agriculture Education Teacher (one-year) DAHS; Physical Education Teacher, DAMS; Physical Education Teacher (one-year) 0.5 FTE, YES
Separations - School Nurse, Harvest;
Other - Physical Education Teacher, DAMS rescinded acceptance of offer.

B. Vouchers Payable/Treasurer’s Report

Paid: 212490 - 212582, 262700113 - 262700308, 202600007 - 202600046

Coker made a motion, Leonhart seconded, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

9. Press Verification

A. No member of the press was present at this time.

10. Board Debrief

11. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 6:59 pm on a motion by Coker, seconded by Berg, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DASD BOE President Signature: _____ Date: _____