DeForest Area School District
Board of Education Work Session Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 12, 2026 – 6:00 pm

1. Convene

A. President Gail Lovick called the October 12, 2026 Work Session meeting of the DeForest Area School District's Board of Education to order at 6:03 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, Gussie Lewis, Gail Lovick, and Megan Taylor. Absent were: Jeff Hahn and Linda Leonhart. Stephanie Sarr arrived at 6:08pm. Also present were administrators Dr. Rebecca Toetz, Dyanna Kadrich, Kate Dabetic, Chris Smith, Nate Jaeger, Roz Craney, and Kathy Williams.

B. Sue Esser 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 Taylor, and passed unanimously by voice vote, the agenda was approved.

3. Board Objective

A. Understanding of "evidence-based learning" (standards based grading K-6 & grading for learning 7-12) and how it supports student achievement which is reflected in R-2 Literacy and Numeracy board reports.

4. Recognition of Board of Education

A. Recognition of the DASD Board of Education members for their service and dedication, in observance of Wisconsin School Board Recognition Week, October 4th-10th, 2026

5. Board Education

A. Board education on evidence based learning and how prioritized standards, transparent rubrics, and vertical alignment drive student achievement

Discussion:
Director of Curriculum & Instruction 4K-6, Kate Dabetic, and Director of Curriculum & Instruction 7-12, Chris Smith, outlined evidence based learning. They explained the difference between student standards and student skills, how standards and skills are prioritized, and the importance of formative feedback. The Board participated in a group

activity designed to deepen the Board's understanding of this topic. DAHS Instructional Coach, Holli Reckin, and DAHS Social Studies Teacher, Matt Scharpf, answered additional questions from the Board.

6. Board Conversation

A. Dialogue about potential indicator revisions to monitoring report R-4, Collaborative and Responsible Citizens

Discussion:
Director of Curriculum & Instruction 4K-6, Kate Dabetic, Director of Curriculum & Instruction 7-12, Chris Smith, and Director of Student Services, Dyanna Kadrich, presented proposed indicator revisions for R-4. The Board engaged in a discussion and provided feedback on the revisions. The updates will be brought back for approval at a future Board meeting.

7. Press Verification

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

8. Board Debrief

9. Adjourn

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:28 pm on a motion by Berg, seconded by Coker, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

DASD BOE President Signature: _____ Date: _____