

**DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**January 10, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Offices.

The meeting was called to order at by President Brad Koen. Others present were Vice-president Drew Whiting, Secretary Shawanna Wansley and Board Members Kenneth Graves, April Herring, Johnny Lockley, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne. Bruce Morgan was absent.

**Presentation**

Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne presented Mr. Lockley with the ASBA President's Award in recognition of his obtaining 500 hours of Board training.

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016, meeting and the called meeting on December 19, 2016. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (7:03 p.m.)

**Financial** –Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (7:06 p.m.)

**Requests for use of Facilities**

**DeWitt Baseball/Softball Association** – A motion to allow the DBSA use of the DHS cafeteria on February 26, 2017, for a fundraiser was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion Carried 6-0. (7:09 p.m.)

**Acres of Help** - Mr. Graves made a motion to grant the request from Acres of Help use of the DHS cafeteria for their annual banquet on February 4, 2017. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:10 p.m.)

**DeWitt Baseball/Softball Association** – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to grant the request from the DeWitt Baseball/Softball Association use of the DHS cafeteria on January 16, 2017, for their annual meeting. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:11 p.m.)

**GCA Price Increase** – Mrs. Herring made a motion to approve the hourly rate increase request from GCA which would meet the minimum wage requirements. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:15 p.m.)

**Act 1599 Statement of Disclosure** –A motion to approve the statements of disclosure for these district employees who have someone in their family who may do business with public school entities was made by Mr. Graves:

Cecilia Odaware – KO Mowing

Lori Wilson – Troy's Drive-In

Tricia Young – Young's Refrigeration and Electric

Eddie Nordberg – New Leaf Florist

Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0. (7:20 p.m.)

**PTO Fundraiser** – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to grant the request from the DES PTO use of the DES cafeteria on February 10, 2017, for a fundraiser. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0. (7:22 p.m.)

**Superintendent's Report**

**Grants** – Julie Adams reported on the grants which have been received.

**Retreat Dates** – for a board retreat were discussed.

**Facilities** – update was given.

**Make-up day** – January 16 will be used as a make-up day for the day missed on January 6, 2017.

**Meeting** – Dr. Dardenne gave an update on the meeting with business and professional leaders for around the county to discuss their future needs for employment.

**Rachel's Challenge** – will be presented in DeWitt on January 26, 2017.

The Board went into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

**Employment** – A motion to employ Diane Howell as part-time counselor at Gillett Elementary was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0.

Kyla Ritter receiver her Master's Degree. Therefore, a motion was made by Mrs. Wansley to place her on the Master's Degree pay scale. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Wansley made a motion to place Dalton Cox on the Assistant Basketball Coaches stipend. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Graves made a motion to extend the contract of Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne to June 30, 2020. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

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SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY