

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD
October 10, 2017

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

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

Student Showcase

Girl's Golf Team – was recognized for their outstanding performance this season and one golfer, Peyton Gasaway, was recognized for receiving All-State Honors and for signing with William's College on a golf scholarship.

Board Re-Organization

President –A motion to elect Mr. Koen as President was made by Mrs. Wansley. Second by Mrs. Herring. Mr. Whiting Made a motion to cease nominations. Second by Mr. Lockley. A motion to elect, by acclamation was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

Vice-president – Mrs. Herring made a motion to elect Drew Whiting as Vice-president. Mr. Lockley made a motion to cease nominations. Motion to elect Mr. Whiting by acclamation was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried. 6-0.

Secretary – Mr. Whiting made a motion to elect Mrs. Wansley as Secretary. Mr. Lockley made a motion to cease nominations. Second by Mr. Whiting. A motion to elect Mrs. Wansley by acclamation was made by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

Ex-Officio Financial Secretary – A motion to elect Dr. Lynne Dardenne as Ex-officio Financial Secretary was made by Mrs. Herring. Mr. Whiting made a motion to cease nominations. Mr. Lockley made a motion to elect Dr. Dardenne by acclamation. Motion carried 6-0.

Disbursing Officer – Mr. Lockley made a motion to elect Mr. Koen as Disbursing Officer. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda

Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017, regular meeting and the September 25, 2017, special meeting was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Financial – Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of September as presented. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

Minority Teacher and Administrator Recruitment Plan – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to approve the Minority Teacher and Administrator Recruitment Plan as presented. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to move item G, Trapshooting as a letter sport, to B was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

Trap Shooting as a Letter Sport – John Alter had previously come before the board to ask to have Trap Shooting become a letter sport. At this month's meeting he presented the criteria for lettering. After discussion, the stipulations the board had were addressed and the DeWitt Trap Club will be added to the DHS Athletic Handbook for lettering purposes only. Motion by Mr. Graves. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0.

2018 Board Election Dates - Act 910 of 2017 changes the dates of school elections to a date chosen by the board. The board chose to table this item until next month's meeting.

Band Handbook Revisions – Mrs. Herring made a motion to approve the changes to the 2017-2018 Band Handbook as presented by band directors Eric and Julie Rutherford. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

FBLA Fall Leadership Conference – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to grant permission for Carol Anderson and Molly Anderson as District III State Vice-president to travel to the National Fall Leadership Conference on November 16-19, 2017. There will be no cost to the district. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

FFA National Conference – Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the request for six (6) students and two (2) chaperones to attend the National FFA Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 24–27, 2017. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

ASBA Voting Delegate – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to elect board member April Herring as the voting delegate to the ASBA Annual Conference in December. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Enrollment – Dr. Dardenne reported that enrollment numbers are presently down as of October 1, 2017. Smaller kindergarten classes at DES and GES and grades nine (9) and ten (10) are down.

Legal Transfer Request - Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve the legal transfer request from DeWitt to Stuttgart. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

Pee-Wee Basketball Request – A motion to grant the request from Pee-Wee basketball to practice in the DES gym on Monday and Tuesday nights during basketball season with school personnel in attendance was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Dardenne informed the board of upcoming training/learning opportunities.

New Board Member training institute - October 17, 2017

Region 9 board meeting – October 24, 2017

Annual Report to the Public – November 14, 2017

PPC - will meet on Tuesday prior to the November board meeting.

The board went into executive session for the consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session and declaring itself to be in open session the board had no further business to conduct. Therefore, a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. was made by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0

DATE APPROVED: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY