

**DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
September 25, 2017

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in a special called meeting on Monday, September 25, 2017, in the Board Room of the Administration Building for the purpose of a disciplinary hearing and other items.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brad Koen. Others present were Drew Whiting, Vice-president, Secretary Shawanna and Board Members Kenneth Graves, April Herring, and Johnny Lockley. Bruce Morgan was absent.

**New Business**

**Bond Documents** - Ray Beardsley with Beardsley Public Finance was present to present information regarding bonds tied to the old middle school. He presented needed documents for approval in order to continue tax exempt status on any present bond money that might have been tied originally to the old school site. Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Graves to adopt a resolution regarding bonds tied to the old middle school. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

**Disciplinary Hearing** – A student disciplinary hearing was held. The student, nor anyone representing the student, was present. After presentation of the schedule of events regarding the incident by DHS Principal Clay Ashcraft, the board went into executive session for consideration of disciplinary action to be taken. The Board came out of executive session and a motion to expel the student for the remainder of the 17-18 school year was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

**2017-18 Budget** – After reviewing the proposed 2017-18 budget, a motion was made by Mrs. Herring to adopt the budget as presented. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0.

**Alternate Instruction Program** – Act 862 allows districts to submit plans that allow credit for missed days if students are provided with work. A motion to request three days for Alternative Methods of Instruction which must be approved by the Commissioner of Education, was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADE Accreditation Assurances** – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to approve assurances that the DeWitt School District is in compliance with all state laws and the standards of accreditation. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

**Pinnacle Pointe** – Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve the agreement with Pinnacle Pointe. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

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**Request for use of Facilities** – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to grant the request from basketball parents to use of the high school cafeteria for their annual bar-b-que on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0.

**Driver's Ed Assurances** – Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve the assurances that the Driver's Ed program has met the guidelines required by the ADE. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0.

**Student Transfer Request** – A motion to grant a student transfer request from Stuttgart to DeWitt was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

**Superintendent's Reports** – Dr. Dardenne informed the board of school board training/learning opportunities.

- ASBA Training – October 2, 2017
- New Board Member Institute – Tuesday, October 17, 2017
- Regional Board Meeting – October 24, 2017
- ASBA Annual Conference – December 6-8 2017

The board went into executive session at 7:45 for consideration of personnel. After coming out of executive session and considering itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

#### **Personnel**

**Termination** – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to terminate the employment of Jeff Brown. Second by Mrs. Herring.

#### **Employment**

A motion to employ **Maria Lemus** as lunchroom worker was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Graves made a motion to employ Lucas Walker as a part-time employee working no more than twenty-five hours per week. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Herring.

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

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY