



**Delaware City Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Dec 5, 2024
Special Meeting
Willis Education Center
5:00pm**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Delaware City Schools will promote a culture of excellence that engages and empowers students and staff to embrace the challenges of our global society. We will build on our traditions, respect our diversity and partner for a strong community.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

2024-MR 1.0 Opening

2024-MR 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call

The Delaware County Board of Education met in Regular session on December 5, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Willis Education Center.

Members present on roll call were:

Mr. Backus (President)
Ms. Harris (Vice President)
Ms. McDaniel-Browning
Mr. Wiener
Mrs. Gasaway

2024-MR-1.2 Salute the Flag

2024-MR-1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Ms. McDaniel-Browning, seconded by Ms. Harris to adopt this agenda as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

2024-MR-2.0 Work Session Topics

1. Enrollment Study

Mrs. Kegley reported the enrollment study was conducted by FutureThink, the study will continue to be updated over time. Mr. Backus commented new development will require updates to the study, and further discussions to accommodate future growth. Ms. McDaniel-Browning commented it is important to have a good relationship with the City of Delaware, to build a relationship with Delaware Township, and planning for the future may involve multiple plans. Mrs. Gasaway commented on the need to focus on future growth potential, continue to look at real estate trends, and look long term.

2. Permanent Improvement Cost Assessment

Mrs. Kegley recognized Mr. Sherman and the time spent with K-12 consultants in conducting the Permanent Improvement 20 Year Cost Assessment. The district has not been able to maintain a regular rotation for items such as furniture and buses. Mr. Backus commented that students take more pride in modernization and it makes a difference in the student learning experience. Ms. McDaniel-Browning agrees furniture is conducive to learning. Mrs. Gasaway stated student safety should be top priority.

3. Facilities Community Findings

Mrs. Kegley thanked Mr. Backus, Ms. McDaniel-Browning for their involvement in the process. Restroom enhancement is needed in the buildings, facilities and infrastructure are outdated throughout the district, and there are inconsistencies and lack of modernization in buildings. The Athletic facilities also need enhancement improvements. Mr. Backus thanked the committee for wanting to be actively involved in carrying the message of the community. Mrs. Gasaway asked what the committee felt the district should prioritize, the findings intent is to identify issues but not make recommendations. Ms. Harris asked building administrators to identify immediate needs for their building.

4. Permanent Improvement Conversation

CFO Corwin spoke on the impact of the unfunded state formula on DCS. The general fund is picking up items that could be paid from the permanent improvement fund. Mr. Sherman addressed items for consideration of permanent improvement funds; bus replacement, scheduled maintenance/repair, furniture replacement, generator replacement, flooring replacement, exterior painting, HVAC replacement, pavement at transportation center, turf replacement, Willis/Winter St. renovations, and property acquisition. Mrs. Gasaway questioned higher repair and maintenance costs due to not replacing items on a rotating schedule, and the value of the Willis building. Mr. Backus requested a cost analysis of the Willis administration building.

Dr. Swanger reported the curriculum department uses funds from PI, the General Fund, and Federal funds within their budget. They have a developed master plan through 2032 for an ideal five-year curriculum adoption cycle. Dr. Swanger answered questions from the board concerning a timeline of current curriculums and when new adoptions are needed.

Possible dates for the next board work session will be included for the upcoming board meeting.

2024-MR-10.0 Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Ms. McDaniel-Browning to adjourn this meeting.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea.

President Backus declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

President

Treasurer