

**Deerfield Community School District
300 Simonson Boulevard
Deerfield, WI 53531**

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
WDEE Studio
March 20, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

BOE Present: Fischer, Hart, Knudtson, Mack, Sigurslid
BOE Absent: Frame, Michel

Administration Present: Frey, Jacobson, Jensen, Kamrath, Treuden
Administration Absent: No one absent

Others Present: Miles Petersen, Max Alexander, Dave Lemke

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by President, Lisa Sigurslid at 6:04 p.m. as duly posted under s.s. 19.84(1)(2)(c).

2. Call of Roll:

Present: Fischer, Hart, Knudtson, Mack, Sigurslid

3. Proof of Posting:

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of meeting agenda on March 9, 2023 at the village hall, district buildings, the district website and The Independent for publication in the March 16, 2023 edition.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Fischer/Knudtson to approve the March 20, 2023 agenda as posted. Carried 5-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Hart/Fischer to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2023 regular meeting. Carried 5-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

Doreen Treuden presented financial statements for January, noting total receipts of \$2,633,387.60 and vouchers of \$380,499.68. Motion by Fischer/Hart to approve the financial reports for January. A roll call vote is required to approve the current expenditures. All ayes.

7. Public Input: No public input

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Student School Board Representative Report: Miles Petersen reported there is an upcoming blood drive on April 5.

B. Legislative Report: Michelle Jensen announced she will be attending Day at the Capitol on Wednesday.

C. Policy-Personnel Committee Report: Recent topic of discussion has been about creating a way for people to report bullying incidents on our website.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: Meeting was canceled.

E. Joint Interactive Committee Report: It was reported that the current village hall will close on April 27 and the new village hall will open on May 1, there are some new housing starts in Savannah Park and the section of road in front of Savannah Park will be resurfaced this summer. Charter broadband installation will begin soon in the township. Referendum information sessions are being hosted at school, DCC and the public library.

9. NEW BUSINESS-ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Donations to the District: Appreciation was given to recent donors for their support of the district: Deerfield Lions Club, for its donation of \$200 to the high school art department; Barb Callahan, for her donation of \$2,500 to be used for the Kindness Matters and Noll Family scholarships; West Koshkonong Lutheran Church, for its donations of two handmade quilts; and Deerfield Coffeehouse, for its donation of \$50 in gift cards to be used for prizes at a middle school event.

B. District Grants Update: It was reported that Jacquie Schuh will be submitting applications for two grants: AODA and School-Based Mental Health.

C. Referendum Communications Update: Michelle Jensen shared that the final informational postcard will be mailed at the end of this week and eight people attended the last Cookies & Conversation event.

D. Settlement Offer for Government Entity Claims Against JUUL Labs, Inc.: Michelle Jensen reviewed the settlement offer in the amount of \$17,334.34, noting it will be used to support AODA initiatives. Motion by Fischer/Knudtson to accept the settlement offer for government entity claims against JUUL Labs, Inc. as presented. Carried 5-0.

E. Early College Credit Requests for Fall 2023: Michelle Jensen presented the requests from eight students. Motion by Knudtson/Mack to approve the early college credit requests for fall 2023 as presented. Carried 5-0.

F. Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: Fourth Grade Teacher, First Grade Teacher: Administration presented the resignations of Kim Hansen, fourth grade teacher and Jordan Fischer, first grade teacher, effective at the end of the school year. Motion by Mack/Hart to accept the resignations. Carried 4-0, Fischer abstained.

G. Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: No recommendations.

H. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen announced the recent hiring of Jim Haak as an assistant high school track coach.

I. Recognition of Board Member Service: Michelle Jensen announced that Autumn Knudtson has served five years on the board and Lisa Sigurslid has served ten years. Certificates were presented and appreciation given for their service.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid offered congratulations to winter sport athletes and the Esports and forensics team members for successful seasons.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen encouraged residents to vote by April 4 and to please remind neighbors and friends. The end of the year is very busy with events and the school website is a great place to look for information.

Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey shared that middle school student council sponsored a Battle of the Mentor Groups and over 500 items were collected to donate to the food pantry. There has been an increase in middle school students completing independent reading points with the Book Bracket Challenge, which awards movie passes, being an incentive. Teachers, counselors and special education staff completed the first four hours of Peace Learning Circles training. Eleven high school students attended the Find your Future event at Madison College on March 15.

Doreen Treuden: No report.

Brett Jacobson: Principal Jacobson shared that fourteen underclassmen participated in a tour and college experience day at UW Oshkosh on March 7 when the juniors took the ACT. The seniors are planning a class trip to Six Flags on May 26, our entire 17-member forensics team qualified to compete at state and our Esports team placed first at state in division 5.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath offered thanks to Nancy Beszhak for organizing Read Across America and to the music department for holding various grade level concerts. Registration for 4K is complete with 43 students currently enrolled. Registration for 5K students was rescheduled to April 13 due to inclement weather. PTO held a St. Paddy's dance last Friday and there is an upcoming Scoopie Night on April 18.

12. Schedule Upcoming Meetings: Upcoming meetings were scheduled.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Mack/Fischer to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk