

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

**Deerfield Board of Education
Regular Meeting
HS Board Room
November 15, 2010
6:30 pm**

BOE Present: Fischer, Haak, Mack, Meinecke, Page, Steen, Winkler

BOE Absent:

Administration Present: Becker, Callahan, Jensen, Johnsrud, Treuden
Administration Absent:

Student Representative Present:

Others Present: Jessica Carlson, Beka Johnson, Pam Klein, Andrew Briddell, Rhonda Gulbranson

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President, Chris Page at 6:34 pm as duly posted under s.s. 19.84(1)(2)(c).

2. Call of Roll

Roll Call taken: Fischer, Haak, Mack, Meinecke, Page, Steen, Winkler.

3. Proof of Posting

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of the Agenda on November 5, 2010 and the Amended Meeting Agenda on November 15, 2010.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Winkler/Fischer to approve the Amended November 15, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda to include item 10C under new business. Carried 7-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Winkler/Steen to approve the October 18, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes and the October 28, 2010 Special Meeting minutes. Carried 7-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures: Doreen Treuden presented the financial report for September. Motion by Haak/Winkler to approve report. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimous.

7. Public Input: No public input given.

8. Special Presentation: Strategies for Active Schools Grant: Pam Klein and Beka Johnson, PE teachers, gave a presentation on the Strategies for Active Schools grant that the district received for the 2010-2011 school year. The grant provides additional health and wellness activities through afterschool programs, Friday Family Fitness nights, NFL Play 60 night, and YMCA activities during and after the school day. Klein and Johnson also took the board and audience on a brief tour of their newly expanded PE space in the old LEAPP room. New equipment has been brought into this area through the grant.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student School Board Representative Report: Ashley Konkel was absent. There was no additional information to share.

Legislative Report/Discussion: Information has been sent to board via email. Much of the news is focused on the recent election and potential changes to school funding under the new governor.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Chris Page reported that discussions took place surrounding the current bullying policy and potential revisions and additions.

Extra Curricular Committee Report: Sandy Fischer reported that the winter sports seasons have begun (basketball, wrestling, dance squad), fall sports awards program will take place on November 16, sports surveys for parents and students will be distributed to gather feedback for coaches and the athletic department, the potential for a swimming coop with Cambridge was introduced, Deerfield is currently leading in sportsmanship points for the conference after the fall season.

Finance Committee Report: Jim Haak shared that the committee reviewed the September financial reports and other items are under New Business.

Facilities Committee Report: No meeting was held.

Personnel Committee Report: Chris Page shared that some clarification language for employee Leaves was discussed and a professional development proposal was brought forward from DISC to propose an incentive for extended PD hours.

Technology Committee Report: Jeff Winkler shared that the group had a demonstration, from Gerry Wichlacz, of the new Apple Lab. A tour was also taken of the newly remodeled IMC Computer Lab.

Safety Committee Report: Cathi Meinecke reported that the insurance company recommendations list from last spring was reviewed and the group continued work and discussions on the district crisis plan.

Health and Wellness Committee Report: The committee is continuing their work on the February 4th Health and Wellness day plans for students and staff.

Joint Interactive Committee Report: No meeting held.

Communications Committee Report: No meeting held.

Ad-Hoc Extracurricular-Activity Account Committee Report: Doreen Treuden reported that the committee is continuing to review the draft procedures for the activity accounts. A template from Wisconsin Heights School District is being used as a guide for these procedures.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy First Readings: Bullying Policy (Revision) (411):** Item tabled until a future date. Chris Page announced that the committee is looking at potential revisions and additions and emphasized that the district is taking active measures to ensure student safety during all school activities.
- B. Request for Junior Prom to be Held Offsite:** Brad Johnsrud requested on behalf of the Junior Class a proposal to hold Prom at Badger Farms on May 7, 2011. The event would include the dance and post-prom activities. The class is looking into alternative methods of transportation for any students who may need a ride to this location. Motion by Winkler/Steen to approve the offsite location for Junior Prom. Carried 7-0.
- C. Proposed Realignment Plan for Trailways Conference:** Horicon has petitioned the WIAA to join the Trailways conference beginning in 2012. WIAA contacted the school district via written notification on November 12 announcing a hearing to take place on December 3rd before the WIAA board of control. Current Trailways conference has 19 teams with Horicon making 20 teams total. An advisory vote is recommended on behalf of the board with the understanding that WIAA will make the final decision at the hearing on December 3rd. Motion by Winkler/Meinecke to proceed with Horicon in Conference. Carried 7-0.
- D. Purchase of District Van for Student Transportation:** Doreen Treuden presented information on the specifications of a new GMC Savanna 2500 van from Zimbrick. The purchase price for the new van is \$23,411 which includes a general discount, a municipal discount and trade-in value. The new van purchase was placed on the budget list due to the age and wear of our current van. Some of the most essential safety features are the side air bags and stabilization mechanics that were not available 15 years ago when we purchased the current van. The van is used a great deal during the sports seasons to transport athletes at a lesser cost than hiring a bus. Motion by Fischer/Haak to purchase van. Carried 7-0 with the suggestion that the policy committee explore the requirement of securing a set number of bids for items over a certain dollar value.
- E. Announcement of Tax Levy and 2010-2011 Budget:** Chris Page announced that the tax levy has been set at \$4,627,199 which is \$11.99/mil. This is \$162,500 less than the maximum levy allowed.
- F. School Board Elections 2011:** Two of the seven board seats are up for election this spring which are Shelley Mack and Jeff Winkler. Incumbent papers are due in December. All other nomination forms are due in January. Incumbents and interested citizens can contact Mary Chadwick-Kiefer or Michelle Jensen for candidate paperwork.

- G. WASB/WASDA/WASBO State Education Convention Attendance:** Michelle Jensen announced that the convention will be held in Milwaukee on January 19-21. Featured speakers this year are Yong Zhao, Professor at Michigan State University, Jeannette Walls, Author of *The Glass Castle*, Sir Ken Robinson, Author and motivational speaker on creativity and education. Board members are asked to contact Michelle Jensen by the Thanksgiving break if able to attend any of these dates to take advantage of the early bird room reservations and registration.
- H: WIAA Boys Soccer Coop Agreement with Cambridge:** Sandy Fischer presented the boys soccer coop agreement with Cambridge. This coop has provided a successful soccer program for both schools which is very beneficial. Motion by Fischer/Winkler to continue participation in the coop. Carried 7-0.
- I: Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Long-term Substitute-ES/MS Spanish/Language Arts:** Barb Callahan recommended that Elizabeth Frickelton be hired to fill this position under an emergency license. The long-term position was advertised on WECAN but there were no qualified applicants. Motion by Winkler/Haak to hire Elizabeth Frickelton as the long-term substitute. Carried 7-0.
- J: Extracurricular Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Girls JV Basketball Coach:** Sandy Fischer recommended Gabe Haberkorn fill the JV coaching position. Based on participation, it appears that a freshman coach will not be necessary. Motion by Fischer/Mack to approve JV Coaching assignment. Carried 7-0.
- K: Request for Insurance Company for Disallowance of Claim:** This item was taken into executive session under state statute 19.85(1)(c)(f).

11. School Board President's Report: Chris Page shared that the first board/administration book group was held and future discussion dates will be announced. Page attended the Dane County School Board consortium meeting with Tom Beebe as the guest speaker sharing his "Penny for Kids" initiative to increase the sales tax. Page announced that State Superintendent Evers announced his funding proposal recently and more will be forthcoming after the new governor takes office. Page announced that he will be gathering feedback on his performance as the school board president and preparations for a mid-year review with Michelle Jensen.

12. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Michelle Jensen announced that she has been asked to participate on the WASB Negotiations Steering Committee to represent district administrators across the state. The first meeting will be held on November 16th. Jensen shared that in response to accepting federal stabilization funds through our state aids Wisconsin school district are required to account for an expanded number of data field and state reports. Along with this mandate is the Common Core State Standards and the Longitudinal Data System which tie to the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination as well. The mandated reports will increase data entry time needed to meet the requirements and expectations. Meeting these mandates is time consuming with limited clerical staff.

Barb Callahan: Barb Callahan congratulated Kathy Rusch, school psychologist, for the recent recognition forwarded to the district. Kathy has been recognized by the Wisconsin School

Psychologists Association as being a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. This is a high Achievement which requires rigorous standards to be met.

Mark Becker: Mark Becker thanked the PTO for a successful craft fair which took place on November 13th. Mark announced that WKCE testing is almost complete for the fall testing, a thank you to Mrs. Thomas and the student participants in the Veterans Day program, a thank you to Wayne Osterlie for speaking at the Veterans Day program and Rick Matheson for teaching the 6th grade Safety Patrol members proper flag etiquette and folding.

Brad Johnsrud: Brad Johnsrud announced that the first MS/HS newsletter was mailed to school families recently. The newsletter will be an ongoing communication to families about news in the building. Johnsrud congratulated the volleyball team on a very successful season and commended the terrific fan support displayed by students and community. Announcement that WKCE testing is almost completed at the MS/HS building with the two hour delay schedule working very well. Congratulations to Robin Apold and the music department for the great production of Music Man and to Pam Klein for her work in organizing the Veterans Day program for students and community members.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

13. Executive Session:

The board took a roll call vote to enter into executive session at 7:57 pm for the purposes of consider request by Insurance Company for disallowance of claim, discussion of student progress/records/reports and consider performance evaluation of employees as provided under s.s.19.85(1)(c)(f). All Ayes.

14. Reconvene to Open Session:

Roll call vote to reconvene in open session at 10:48 pm.

Motion by Haak/Winkler to approve disallowance of insurance claim. Carried 6/1.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Mack/Fischer to adjourn at 10:51 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Clerk