

Deerfield Community School District
300 Simonson Boulevard
Deerfield, WI 53531

Deerfield Board of Education
Regular Meeting
HS Board Room
December 20, 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: Ashley Konkel

Others Present: Jessica Carlson, Kim Petrick, Jen O'Handley, Phil Montalto, Rhonda Gulbranson, Julie Schifano, Dawn Johnson, Carolyn Eschmeyer, Jaime McCabe, Dave Heagney, Kristin Leigh, Randy Zakowski, Peggy Pope, Kristy Staszak, Jeff Staszak, Jon Frank, Doug Petrick, Paul Haag, Sue Shea

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President, Chris Page at 6:30 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 December 13, 2010 and the Amended Meeting Agenda on December 16, 2010.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Winkler/Meinecke to approve the Amended December 20, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda. Carried 7-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steen/Winkler to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2010 Regular and Executive Meetings and the December 13, 2010 Special Meeting. Carried 7-0.

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

7. Public Input: Phil Montalto complimented the board and district on the new middle/high school office area. He shared that he appreciated the privacy of the district conference room for meetings. Mr. Montalto also thanked the school for securing a handicapped accessible portable bathroom for the stadium. Kim Petrick presented, on behalf of a group of concerned parents, information in regards to a number of educational issues related to district test scores. Concerns included the recent decline of 10th Grade WKCE test scores, ACT scores below other schools in the county, grade inflation at the high school, current curriculum and curriculum training for teachers and loss of top performing students to homeschooling or school choice. Mrs. Petrick requested that the board consider these matters further and share what steps are being taken or could be taken to address these concerns. (The board has scheduled a special board meeting for January 24th at 6:30 pm to address these topics).

8. Special Presentation: High School-to-College Success Report: Michelle Jensen shared the ACT High School-to-College Success Data for college freshman in the UW system between 2006-2008. The report analyzes student performance on the ACT compared to their high school grade point average (GPA), college GPA during freshman year and per semester data for students who remain on the same campus for a second year. Board member comments brought forward as a result of this presentation and the preceding public input included concern of too much emphasis on sports versus academics, concern of grade inflation and concern of emphasis on test scores versus overall success.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student School Board Representative Report: Ashley Konkel announced that student council is working on plans for a winter spirit week and that they recently hosted a live band performance featuring current and former high school students.

Legislative Report/Discussion: No new information to report until after the January change in the state offices.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Chris Page reported that the committee is done with the administrative rules for the graduation policy and continues looking into some language additions and revisions to the bullying policy.

Extra Curricular Committee Report: Sandy Fischer reported that results of the fall sports surveys were shared indicating that students and parents were pleased with the sports experiences and coaching staff. A letter to John Polzin was shared complimenting the sports programs and specifically complimenting the work of the middle school boy's basketball coaches. Discussions took place regarding partial compensation for coaching staff for freshman girl's basketball and junior varsity wrestling.

Finance Committee Report: Jim Haak shared that the topics discussed at the meeting are on the board agenda under new business.

Facilities Committee Report: Jeff Winkler reported on the roofing plan, request from Athletic Boosters to initiate two projects within the school which are a trophy case in the commons and remodeling the baseball dugouts. Referendum projects were also reviewed. The

complete list of referendum expenditures and projects can be viewed on the district website under Business Services.

Personnel Committee Report: No meeting held.

Technology Committee Report: No meeting held.

Safety Committee Report: Cathi Meinecke reported that the committee continued reviewing the district crisis plan, classroom safety checklists have been completed and safety measures for the technology education shop area were shared.

Health and Wellness Committee Report: Sandy Fischer reported that the committee continues to work on plans for the February 4th Health Day.

Joint Interactive Committee Report: Jeff Winkler reported that discussion surrounded the Safe Routes to Schools grant which is next available in 2012. Also reviewed shared services such as garbage disposal and winter plowing needs.

Ad-Hoc Extracurricular-Activity Account Committee Report: Doreen Treuden reported that the committee is done with the procedural language for Fund 60 and has a few items left to work out on Fund 21.

Communications Committee Report: Michelle Jensen reported that the committee previewed the new district website which will be launched in January, discussions surrounded efforts to expand a volunteer bank of talents within the community that could provide free service to the district, consideration of automated alert systems which can be used via text, email, phone.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recognition of Gifts to District:** Michelle Jensen thanked Karyn Seaman for her continued donation of new books to the library. Her donation is valued at \$481.41. Also recognition to the Deerfield Lions Club for their donation of \$250 to the Music Department, for the recent Show choir performance at their holiday party.
- B. Update on District Grants:** Congratulations to Jacquie Schuh for receiving a \$950 grant from DPI for the TUDE/TATU program focusing on teen tobacco awareness and prevention.
- C. Presentation of Audit Report for 2009-2010:** Doreen Treuden shared a summary of the 2009-2010 audit report. Major items included the notation of segregation of duties, preparation of financial statements by the auditors, consideration of stale-dated checks, review of GASB #54 laws, related party contracts and student activity account guidelines. Motion by Haak/Fischer to approve the Audit Report. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimous.
- D. Update on MS/HS Roof Maintenance Plan – Phase II:** Doreen Treuden and Jeff Winkler reported that Phase II of the roof resurfacing is set for the summer of 2011. The roofing consultant from SRI has secured the bids and forwarded his recommendation to the

district. The recommendation is to accept the bid from Maly Roofing for \$199,900. Due to bids coming in lower than expected, the district will be able to get significant portions of the roof resurfaced more quickly. Motion by Winkler/Haak to approve the bid from Maly Roofing. Carried 7-0.

- E. Announcement of Ad-Hoc Fundraising Committee:** Chris Page announced the creation of a fundraising committee. The committee is scheduled to begin work in January. Barb Callahan will send an invitation to the extracurricular coaches/advisors and other community organizations.
- F. High School Final Exam Schedule:** Brad Johnsrud shared the final exam schedule that was recently created and brought before the high school staff from the MS/HS Leadership Committee. A final exam schedule has been discussed amongst high school staff during the past few years. High school students will take exams on January 20-21 with partial day schedules both days.
- G. Overnight Trip Requests – Wrestling Team:** Wrestling Coach, Paul Haag, requested two overnight trips. The first trip is to Oshkosh for a two-day tournament on December 29-30. Students would be responsible for some expenses and the remainder of the expenses will come from the wrestling account or club. Motion by Winkler/Steen to approve this request. Carried 7-0.

The second trip is for the sectional wrestling meet to be held in Westby on February 19. Due to the distance and weigh-in time, the request is made to travel on February 18th and stay overnight and requesting the board to consider paying for the travel and lodging expenses. The group would use the school vans for transportation. Costs of lodging are estimated to be the same or less than the bus travel costs for this destination. Motion by Winkler/Steen to approve this overnight request. Carried 7-0.

- H: Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Part-time Long-term Substitute – 2nd Grade:** Mark Becker recommended Linda Johnson as a half-day long-term substitute for Laura Peacock at the second grade level until the end of January. This is an intermittent leave request which requires Mrs. Peacock to be out of the district for partial days. Motion by Winkler/Meinecke to approve Linda Johnson as long-term substitute for 2nd grade. Carried 7-0.
- I: Extracurricular Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: Freshman Class Advisor:** Brad Johnsrud shared a resignation request from Scott Griffin as a Freshman Class Advisor. Motion by Fischer/Winkler to approve resignation request. Carried 7-0.
- J: Extracurricular Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Girls Varsity Softball Coach:** Sandy Fischer recommended Jim Albrecht to fill the Varsity Softball Coach position. Motion by Fischer/Mack to approve Varsity Coaching assignment. Carried 7-0.

Sandy Fischer also brought forward a request for partial compensation for Chelsea Borgrud to coach the freshman girl's basketball team. Four or five games have been scheduled for the girl's team at this time. Motion by Fischer/Mack to approve Chelsea Borgrud as Freshman Girls Basketball coach at half time pay. Carried 7-0.

11. School Board President's Report: Chris Page gave the floor to Jeff Winkler who announced that he will not be seeking re-election in the spring. Jeff has served on the board for six years and expressed his appreciation and enjoyment of serving the district. He cited that changes to his work responsibilities make it difficult to serve in the capacity needed for board representation.

12. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Michelle Jensen shared that the quarterly Chalk Talk newsletter was mailed to all district residents, the new district website will be introduced and launched at the January board meeting. Mrs. Jensen thanked the many school groups and classrooms who have generously given to many different causes leading up to the holiday season. The efforts of many staff have provided for excellent community service projects for students.

Mark Becker: Condolences to Nancy Thomas, Elementary Music Teacher, in the recent death of her mother. Discussion of rescheduling the winter program for grades 3-5 will be considered for January.

Brad Johnsrud: Brad Johnsrud expressed his gratitude to the staff for their continued hard work and efforts. He feels that there are many positive things taking place at the middle/high school to create a positive environment for students. He thanked the staff for their candy cane greeting to students this past week.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Mack/Haak to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Clerk