

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
MS/HS IMC
February 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

BOE Present: Fischer, Frame, Kessenich, Mack, Salkowski, Sigurslid
BOE Absent: Hart

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

Others Present: No others present

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by President, Lisa Sigurslid at 6:00 p.m. as duly posted under s.s. 19.84(1)(2)(c).

2. Call of Roll:

Present: Fischer, Frame, Kessenich, Mack, Salkowski, Sigurslid

3. Proof of Posting:

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of meeting agenda on February 11, 2025 at the village hall, district buildings, and the district website.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to adopt the February 17, 2025 amended agenda as posted.
Carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Kessenich/Frame to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2025 regular meeting.
Carried 6-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

Laura Peachey presented financial statements for December, noting total receipts of \$1,787,647.66 and vouchers of \$443,001.93. Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to approve the financial reports for December. 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: No report.

B. Legislative Report: Michelle Jensen shared that she will be attending the WASB Day at the Capitol event on March 12. There will be discussions on the biennial budget and other legislation.

C. Policy-Personnel Committee Report: Recent discussions have been about staff health insurance options.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: Nick Mills, Shanna Anderson and Aime Hruby are working on a mental health student event, Stephanie Nanstad will be visiting third grade classes in February for Heart Month and she is looking to start a staff challenge using a bingo card.

E. Joint Interactive Committee Report: Village updates include new duplex build requests and a recently approved rezoning request on SE side of 73 for commercial development. Michelle Jensen offered a suggestion for better visible pedestrian signage on Main St., such as blinking lights for crossing. It was noted that there are complexities to this as Main St. is a state highway. She reviewed phase 2 of the school building project and implications for large truck traffic on Simonson Blvd. this summer.

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: Knights of Columbus-Cambridge, for its donation of \$400 to the special education department and Deerfield Athletic Boosters, for its donation of \$379.38 to the high school volleyball team for practice equipment.

B. District Grants Update: No update.

C. Building Project Update: Michelle Jensen shared the current timeline beginning May 19 for the end of the school year: high school staff will be moving into their new classrooms, the temporary passageway from the current building to the new building will be created, and tearing out rooms in the science/social studies wing will begin. Discussions continue on the south parking lot options.

D. Junior Class Request for Offsite Prom Venue: Shannon McDonough presented the request on behalf of the junior class. Motion by Mack/Fischer to approve the request to hold prom on April 5 at Badger Farms as presented. Carried 6-0.

E. High School Course Book for 2025-26: Proposals and Revisions: Michelle Jensen presented the proposals and revisions, noting no change from the committee meeting. Motion by Salkowski/Frame approve the high school course book for 2025-26 as presented. Carried 6-0.

F. School Calendar for 2025-26: Michelle Jensen presented the school calendar. Motion by Fischer/Kessenich to adopt the 2025-26 school calendar as presented with a start date of September 8, end date of May 27 for middle school students and end date of May 29 for elementary and high school students. Carried 6-0.

G. Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: Administration presented the retirement of Tammy George, MS/HS Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and resignation of Nick Mills, school social worker, at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Motion by Fischer/Frame to accept the resignations. Carried 6-0.

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

I. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen announced the recent resignations of Jim Haak, high school track coach; and Debbie Loerke and Maria Higgins, middle school track coaches.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid offered a reminder that referendum information will continue to be mailed to district residents.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen announced the second referendum postcard was mailed and there are four conversation meetings scheduled for the public to attend. They are March 13 and 18 from 8:30-9:30am at the Deerfield Community Center and March 12 and 20 from 6:30-7:30pm at the middle/high school. She encouraged the community to vote on April 1.

Karen Frey: No report.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath offered thanks to Daniel Aumann for holding the annual Kids Heart Challenge next week, students created cards for our bus drivers to celebrate Bus Driver Appreciation week, parent/teacher conferences were recently held with close to 100% participation, and 4K and 5K registration will be taking place in April.

Shannon McDonough: Principal McDonough shared that high school course selection for next year has begun, parent/teacher conferences are being held February 19 and 25, recent student field trips include Madison College, Rotary Ethics Symposium, and the Dane County Regional Mini Business World Program.

Laura Peachey: No report.

Doreen Treuden: No report.

12. Schedule Upcoming Meetings: Upcoming meetings were scheduled.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Mack/Fischer to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk