

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

Board of Education

Regular Meeting

MS/HS IMC

March 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.

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

BOE Absent: No one absent

Administration Present: Frey, Jensen, McDonough, Peachey, Treuden

Administration Absent: Kamrath

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, Hart, Kessenich, Mack, Salkowski, Sigurslid

3. Proof of Posting:

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of meeting agenda on March 13, 2025 at the village hall, district buildings, and the district website.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Hart/Fischer to adopt the March 17, 2025 agenda as posted. Carried 7-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Kessenich/Frame to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2025 regular meeting. Carried 7-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

Laura Peachey presented financial statements for January, noting total receipts of \$2,472,439.66 and vouchers of \$457,114.05. Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to approve the financial report 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: No report.

B. Legislative Report: Michelle Jensen reported that there are many bills on the table right now with a significant one for schools being the cell phone bill. There is nothing new to report on the biennial budget.

C. Policy-Personnel Committee Report: Sandy Fischer reported that the committee is currently in discussions about health insurance options.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: It was reported that the Sources of Strength training for peer mentors was held March 11-12. Middle school anxiety groups started in February as well as a flexible thinking group at the elementary school. A nursing student visited third grade classrooms to educate students on heart health and Early Learning screening has taken place. The key fob reader for the fitness center has been fixed.

E. Joint Interactive Committee Report: n/a

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: Gail Polzin, for her donation of \$150 to TRUE ID.

B. District Grants Update: No report.

C. Building Project Update: Michelle Jensen shared that cabinetry, flooring, doors, and high school science casework is being installed. The plan for the temporary walkway from new addition to current building has been reviewed and discussions continue on options for the south parking lot.

D. Withdrawal from and Dissolution of the Dane County School Consortium:

Michelle Jensen shared that Monona Grove, being the fiscal agent, does not want to continue in that role. Motion by Hart/Kessenich to approve withdrawal from the Dane County School Consortium on June 30, 2025. Motion by Fischer/Frame to grant authority to superintendent to act on the district's behalf in voting to dissolve the Dane County School Consortium. Carried 7-0.

E. S&P Global Rating Summary for Bond Anticipation Notes: Doreen Treuden reviewed the ratings report, noting the district continues to hold an A+ rating.

F. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Awarding the Sale of \$15,000,000 Bond

Anticipation Notes, Series 2025: Doreen Treuden shared information on the six bids that were received, noting Loop Capital Markets, LLC came in at the lowest true interest cost (TIC) of 3.8761%. Motion by Sigurslid/Fischer to approve and authorize sale of \$15,000,000 bond to Loop Capital Markets, LLC for 3.8761%. Roll call vote required, all ayes.

G. Early College Credit Requests for Fall 2025: Michelle Jensen presented the requests for fall 2025. Motion by Hart/Mack to approve the Early College Credit requests for fall 2025 as presented. Carried 7-0.

H. 66.0301 WiSNP Co-op Agreement for 2025-26: Doreen Treuden presented the agreement, noting an annual cost of \$300 to the district. Motion by Frame/Kessenich to approve the 66.0301 WiSNP Co-op agreement for 2025-26 as presented. Carried 7-0.

I. Neola Policy Updates: Michelle Jensen reviewed the proposed updates. Motion by Kessenich/Salkowski to approve the Neola policy updates as presented. Carried 7-0.

J. Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: No resignations.

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

L. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen announced the resignations of Melissa Siverio, custodian; and Preston Knutson, varsity football coach, and the recent hiring of Richard Reeder, custodian.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid gave a shoutout to winter sport athletes and offered appreciation to WDEE for all their work with our sporting events. She reminded the community to vote on April 1.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen shared that she will be out of the office beginning March 20 with a tentative return date of April 14. She will have access to her computer and will follow up on emails as needed. She plans to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 7.

Karen Frey: No report.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath offered thanks to Nancy Beszhak for organizing Read Across America and to the music department for the recent band and choir concerts. 4K/5K registrations are set for April 3 and April 8, respectively. Summer school online registration will be done in May.

Shannon McDonough: Principal McDonough offered congratulations to the high school music students who performed in the district Solo/Ensemble Festival, noting there are 22 students who qualified for state competition. Middle and high school forensics teams have been competing very well and 16 high school students are advancing to the state meet. United Against Hate club attended a workshop with other students across southern Wisconsin. The junior class took the ACT last week.

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 6:55 p.m. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk