

Deerfield Community School District 300 Simonson Boulevard Deerfield, WI 53531
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Board of Education
Regular Meeting
District Boardroom
March 23, 2026 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Others Present: Kyle Kittleson, Jamae Wierzba, Kendall LaChance

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 March 13, 2026 at the village hall, district buildings, and the district website. Agenda reposted March 17, 2026 with amended meeting date.

4. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Kessenich/Frame to adopt the March 23, 2026 agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Kessenich/Frame to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2026 public hearing and regular meeting. Carried 6-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

Doreen Treuden presented financial statements for January, noting total receipts of \$2,293,885.64 and vouchers of \$223,269.74. Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to approve the financial reports for January. A roll call vote is required to approve the current expenditures. All ayes.

7. Public Input: Kyle Kittleson shared comments regarding district athletic programs.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Student School Board Representative Report: Kendall LaChance reported that some members recently helped out at the elementary school with the Kids Heart Challenge. A Valentine's activity was held for high school students.

B. Legislative Report: It was reported that special education reimbursement aide has been a subject of discussions.

C. Policy and Personnel Committee Report: Discussions will begin regarding health insurance renewal for staff.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: A staff challenge was held in March and there continues to be a lot of illnesses in both buildings. TRUE ID hosted a pizza and bingo night for high school students and there have been several SOS activities. The Kids Heart Challenge was held on February 26 for elementary students.

E. Joint Interactive Committee Report: No report.

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: Athletic Boosters, for its donation of \$2,600 to purchase two pitching machines; Gail Polzin, for her donation of \$150 to TRUE ID; James and June Bunting, for their donation of \$500 to the music department to offset the cost of the trip to Toronto; Deerfield Lions Club, for its donation of \$2,000 to the production of the high school play; Kevin and Jen Stevens, for their donation of \$200 to the high school Esports team; and Kula Yoga & Wellness, for its donation of \$150 to the music department to offset the cost of the trip to Toronto.

B. District Grants Update: No report.

C. Building Project Update: Michelle Jensen shared progress notes: terrazzo floor is being installed in the new cafeteria area, safety fencing was installed around the middle school to prepare for work being done over spring break, and work continues in the front of the building. Vogel will be opening a new temporary hallway to the high school and closing the temporary hallway through the music suite so work can be finished in that area.

D. Pedestal Paver Roof System: Michelle Jensen provided information requested at a previous meeting. Schematic drawing and examples were reviewed. Additional information is requested and will be provided at a future meeting.

E. Board Member Recognition: Item tabled due to board member absence.

F. Neola Policy Updates: Michelle Jensen reviewed the policy updates proposal including technical corrections. Motion by Fischer/Frame to approve policy updates as presented. Carried 6-0.

G. 66.0301 WiSNP Co-op Agreement for 2026-27: Doreen Treuden presented the agreement, noting the annual membership dues of \$300.00. Motion by Kessenich/Mack to approve the 66.0301 WiSNP Co-op Agreement for 2026-27 as presented. Carried 6-0.

H. Early College Credit/Start College Now Requests for Fall 2026: Michelle Jensen presented the requests. Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to approve the Early College Credit/Start College Now requests for Fall 2026 as presented. Carried 6-0.

I. Market Rate and Scope Adjustment – Student Data Specialist/Enrollment Coordinator: Personnel Committee proposed a \$2.00 per hour rate increase to more closely meet the market rate and scope of duties. Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to approve a \$2.00 rate increase for the Student Data Specialist/Enrollment Coordinator position. Carried 6-0.

J. Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal Due to Enrollment: Michelle Jensen presented the preliminary notice of non-renewal. Motion by Frame/Fischer to approve the preliminary notice of non-renewal due to enrollment for Hannah Nelson. Carried 6-0.

K. Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: Grade 6-12 Vocal Music Teacher, Middle School Math Teacher: Administration presented the resignation of Stephen Rodrigues-Pavao, grade 6-12 vocal music teacher, at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Motion by Salkowski/Kessenich to accept the resignation.
Administration presented the resignation of Kristin Rathmann, middle school math teacher, effective March 12, 2026. Motion by Fischer/Frame to accept the resignation in accordance with the contract. Carried 6-0.

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

M. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen announced the resignation of Shanna Gerry, JV volleyball coach and the hiring of Rich Fischer as a long-term substitute teacher for middle school math.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid offered congratulations to the winter sports athletes, good luck to the spring sports athletes and a reminder to vote on April 7.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen offered thanks to Ryan Petersen for his continued planning of out-of-state trips for students. A District Highlights newsletter was launched last month to share pictures of recent events. There are several events taking place this spring in both buildings. She encouraged the public to visit the website calendar to learn more, and a reminder that if you miss an event, you can go to WDEE's website as they kindly record most public events in our district.

Karen Frey: No report.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath offered thanks to Nancy Beszhak for organizing many activities for Read Across America. She offered thanks to Ashley Meyer for organizing Opera for the Young to come and perform. Summer school sign up will occur in May. Plans are being finalized for the Forward exam which will be administered starting in April.

Shannon McDonough: Principal McDonough shared that some juniors attended the Rotary Ethics Symposium where they met with peers to discuss how ethics guide everyday choices. Art students traveled to The Vinery where they created stained glass artwork. United Against Hate attended a workshop where they collaborated to explore ways to disband hate among different groups of people.

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 7:56 p.m. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk