

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
District Boardroom
April 27, 2026 6:00 p.m.**

BOE Present: Fischer, Frame, Hart, Kessenich, Mack, Salkowski, Sigurslid
BOE Absent: No one absent

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

Others Present: Bill Foster, Kendall LaChance, Jamae Wierzba, Danielle Johansen, Allison Fry, Caitlin Ward, Sara Steine, Katie Long, Sarah Paoli, Kim O'Shea, Kassy Dushenski, Brandi Evers, Katie Michel, Allison Ledbury, Debbie Loerke

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 April 21, 2026 at the village hall, district buildings, and the district website.

4. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Kessenich/Frame to adopt the April 27, 2026 agenda as posted. Carried 7-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Kessenich/Fischer to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2026 regular meeting and April 13, 2026 special meeting. Carried 7-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

Doreen Treuden presented financial statements for February, noting total receipts of \$3,028,429.39 and vouchers of \$255,853.51. Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to approve the financial reports for February. 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: Kendall LaChance reported that recent events were Teacher in Paradise and helping with 4K fun day. Members will be helping with the Walking School Bus, which starts this week.

B. Legislative Report: Michelle Jensen reported that a bipartisan vote on special education funding is forthcoming.

C. Policy and Personnel Committee Report: The committee is in the midst of discussions about the district's health insurance renewal and staff wages and benefits.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: A mental health day for students and staff is being planned for May, Adam has been busy planning menus and inventories for next year with the new kitchen setup, safety topics were discussed for kids riding bikes and scooters, the fitness center will be closed for the summer due to construction project at the front of the building, SOS activities were done in the middle and high schools, and the Walking School Bus starts this week and will run for four weeks.

E. Joint Interactive Committee Report: No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS-ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION

A. School Perceptions Survey Summary Results Presentation: Bill Foster from School Perceptions presented the survey results. Board discussed next steps to identify areas of focus.

B. Designation of Official Board Newspaper: Motion by Kessenich/Hart to designate the Leader Independent as the official board newspaper. Carried 7-0.

C. Designation of Official Board Bank Depository: Motion by Kessenich/Fischer to designate the Bank of Deerfield as the official board bank depository. Carried 7-0.

D. Designation of Official Board Legal Counsel: Motion by Kessenich/Mack to designate Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet as the official board legal counsel. Carried 7-0.

E. Designation of Official Board Meeting Date, Time and Location: Motion by Kessenich/Fischer to designate the official board meeting date, time and location as follows: third Monday of each month, except for April, when it will be held on the fourth Monday, at 6:00 p.m. in the district boardroom. Carried 7-0.

F. Appointment of Acting Clerk: Motion by Kessenich/Frame to appoint Angie Haag, district administrative assistant, as the acting board clerk. Carried 7-0.

G. Introduction of Newly Elected Board Members: Michelle Jensen announced that Anne Kessenich and Shelley Mack were reelected for 3-year terms.

H. Announcement of Board Officers, WASB Delegate and Alternate, CESA Rep., Committee Reps.: The newly elected board officers were announced: Lisa Sigurslid, President; Melissa Frame, Vice President; Sandy Fischer, Treasurer; Shelley Mack, Clerk; Melissa Frame, CESA representative; Anne Kessenich, WASB delegate; Sarah Hart, WASB alternate; Sandy Fischer, Health and Wellness Committee representative; Melissa Frame, Joint Interactive Board Committee representative; and Sarah Hart, Sandy Fischer and Jeff Salkowski, Personnel Committee members.

I. Donations to the District: Appreciation was given to recent donors for their support of the district: Elementary PTO, for its donation of \$3,845 to offset field trip transportation costs, purchase books for the vending machine and supplies for the Kindness Kart; Mike Schlobohm, for his donation of \$50 to the middle school snack cart fund.

J. District Grants Update: Shannon McDonough announced that the district received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from ATC, to be used to promote STEM education and hands-on learning.

K. Building Project Update: Michelle Jensen shared progress notes: kitchen equipment installation continues, exterior foundation is almost complete, brick is being laid on the building exterior, and final cleaning of the new cafeteria area has been scheduled.

L. Final Notice of Non-Renewal Due to Enrollment: Michelle Jensen presented the final notice of non-renewal. Motion by Kessenich/Fischer to approve the final notice of non-renewal due to enrollment for Hannah Nelson. Carried 7-0.

M. Certified Staff Contracts for 2026-27: Michelle Jensen presented the certified staff contracts, noting that, according to state law, the contracts must be issued by May 15. Motion by Hart/Frame to approve the certified staff contracts for 2026-27 as presented. Carried 7-0.

N. Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: MS/HS Business Education Teacher: Administration presented the resignation of Keith Schneider, MS/HS business education teacher. Motion by Kessenich/Mack to accept the resignation. Carried 7-0.

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

P. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen announced the recent hiring of Maria Higgins as the varsity volleyball coach and Katie Michel as a middle school track assistant coach.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid offered thanks to Bill Foster for presenting the survey results and to parents for taking the survey. She gave a shout out to Tom Kalhagen for bringing back a spring play and shared she thought it was amazing.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen shared highlights from the WASDA spring conference she attended last week. She encouraged families and community members to visit the school website and the district's social media pages to stay on top of the various end of year concerts and celebration events.

Karen Frey: No report.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath offered thanks to Jill Fleming for coordinating the Forward assessments. The summer school schedule has been finalized and online registration begins May 4. The fifth and sixth grade classes toured the middle school this month.

Shannon McDonough: Principal McDonough shared that middle and high school students recently finished up with state assessments. The high school forensics team competed at state and did outstanding. Members of NHS expressed appreciation for our building and grounds team and bus drivers by presenting them with thank you gifts. Our Sources of Strength team organized a schoolwide activity focused on connection and wellness.

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 7:40 p.m. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk