

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
MS/HS IMC
April 28, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Others Present: Rep. Joan Fitzgerald, Kendall LaChance

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by President, Lisa Sigurslid at 6:01 p.m. as duly posted under s.s. 19.84(1)(2)(c).

2. Call of Roll:

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

3. Proof of Posting:

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of meeting agenda on April 28, 2025 at the village hall, district buildings, and the district website.

4. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Hart/Salkowski to adopt the April 28, 2025 agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Frame/Kessenich to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2025 regular meeting. Carried 6-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

Laura Peachey presented financial statements for February, noting total receipts of \$2,254,738.67 and vouchers of \$440,023.44. Motion by Salkowski/Frame 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 there is a Scholar Foundations fundraiser planned for May 31 and the homecoming theme for next year is being discussed.

B. Legislative Report: No report.

C. Policy-Personnel Committee Report: There is a meeting tonight to continue discussion on the district health insurance plan renewal.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: It was reported that DPI is holding cyberbullying listening sessions on May 8 and 12. Fitness center equipment has been serviced and appreciation was given to David Kind for making minor repairs as needed. The DCC hosted a Drug Take Back Day on April 26 and there are many end of year events that will keep nutrition services busy.

E. Joint Interactive Committee Report: n/a

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

A. Designation of Official Board Newspaper: Motion by Hart/Salkowski to designate the Leader Independent as the official board newspaper. Carried 6-0.

B. Designation of Official Board Bank Depository: Motion by Mack/Kessenich to designate the Bank of Deerfield as the official board bank depository. Carried 6-0.

C. Designation of Official Board Legal Counsel: Motion by Salkowski/Frame to designate Buelow Vetter as the official board counsel. Carried 6-0.

D. Designation of Official Board Meeting Date, Time and Location: Motion by Mack/Hart 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 middle/high school IMC. Carried 6-0.

E. Appointment of Acting Board Clerk: Motion by Salkowski/Kessenich to appoint Angie Haag, district administrative assistant, as the acting board clerk. Carried 6-0.

F. Introduction of Newly Elected Board Members: Michelle Jensen announced that Melissa Frame and Lisa Sigurslid were reelected for 3-year terms.

G. Announcement of Board Officers, WASB Delegate and Alternate, CESA Rep., and 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.

H. Donations to the District: Appreciation was given to recent donors for their support of the district: Music Boosters, for its donation of a marimba to the band department; and Deerfield Lions Club, for its donation of \$700 to the high school girls basketball team and \$2,100 towards the purchase of a book for each student in grades 5K-3.

I. District Grants Update: It was reported that Stacy Gloede and Karen Frey submitted an application for a \$45,000 transition grant to enable a partnership with Opportunities, Inc.

J. Building Project Update: Michelle Jensen shared that a temporary road has been laid to be used to get machinery to the site to demolish and remove debris, the north side parking lot and sidewalks are being formed, the west side retaining wall and pond are being finished, and interior areas on both floors in the addition are nearly finished. Options are being explored to repair the EIFS structure that surrounds the current second story as areas have rotted out due to water.

K. Referendum Outcome: Michelle Jensen shared the vote counts by municipality from the recent referendum election, noting 58% of the total votes were in favor of the referendum.

L. CESA 2 Contract for 2025-26: Karen Frey presented the contract, noting no change in the requested services. Motion by Frame/Hart to approve the CESA 2 contract for 2025-26 as presented. Carried 6-0.

M. CESA 2 Driver Education Program Agreement for 2025-26: Michelle Jensen presented the agreement, noting there is no cost to the district. Motion by Mack/Salkowski to approve the CESA 2 driver education program agreement for 2025-26 as presented. Carried 6-0.

N. Staffing Proposal for 2025-26: Michelle Jensen presented the staffing proposal. Motion by Salkowski/Hart to approve the staffing proposal for 2025-26 as presented. Carried 6-0.

O. Certified Staff Contracts for 2025-26: Michelle Jensen presented the certified staff contracts, noting that, according to state law, the contracts must be issued by May 15 and returned by June 15. Motion by Kessenich/Frame to approve the certified staff contracts for 2025-26 as presented. Carried 6-0.

P. Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: Kindergarten Teacher: Administration presented the resignation of Sara Alexander, kindergarten teacher. Motion by Hart/Kessenich to accept the resignation. Carried -6-0.

Q. Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher: Administration presented the recommendation of Amanda Kalscheur, middle/high school Family & Consumer Sciences teacher. Motion by Frame/Mack to approve the recommendation. Carried 6-0.

R. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen announced the resignations of Alan Mickelson, middle school track & field coach, and Ricky Reeder, custodian. Recent staff hires are Savanna Renteria as a custodial trainee, and Bryan and Bryce Brennan as middle school track & field coaches.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid extended thanks to the community for its support of the referendum, and to staff, parents and teachers for their hard work this school year.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen shared that she recently attended the WASDA spring conference in Madison. She will attend a national conference for association presidents in Nashville later this week, which is hosted and paid for by AASA. She offered congratulations to the 2025 graduating seniors, who will be celebrated on May 18 at 1:00pm in the high school gymnasium.

Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey shared that Sources of Strength is up and running in the middle and high schools. Students and chaperones had a great time exploring new cultures on the international trip which was March 22-31. Plans are underway for the 2027 trip. The adaptive music class put on a concert for their parents on April 28.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath shared that the summer school schedule of classes has been finalized and online registration will begin on May 12. Sixth grade classes visited the middle school where they ate lunch, met teachers and practiced a combination lock. Parents who still wish to sign up the child for 4K or 5K may call the office for information. She offered thanks to Laura Phillips, Jody Nickerson and Jill Fleming for their work on implementing ACT 20 components. She shared the summer school staff list.

Shannon McDonough: Principal McDonough shared that middle and high school students have completed their state testing. Recent events include Empty Bowls, State Solo/Ensemble and State Forensics meet. Students in Mr. Schneider's College & Career Readiness class have been doing job shadowing and will soon participate in mock interviews with guest interviewers. Mr. Rodrigues-Pavao took 10 students to a Justify Summit where they learned to navigate protecting the dignity for all. The senior trip to Wisconsin Dells was fun and she received comments from the venues on how polite and respectful the students were.

Laura Peachey: No report.

Doreen Treuden: Mrs. Treuden shared that Ryan Fankhauser completed 32 hours of professional development at the WASBO conference.

12. Schedule Upcoming Meetings: Upcoming meetings were scheduled.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Mack/Salkowski to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk