

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
District Boardroom
September 22, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Others Present: Kendall LaChance, Ryan Fankhauser

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, Mack, Sigurslid

3. Proof of Posting:

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of meeting agenda on September 17, 2025 at the village hall, district buildings, and the district website.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Hart/Frame to adopt the September 22, 2025 agenda as posted. Carried 5-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Hart/Sigurslid to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2025 regular meeting. Carried 5-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

Doreen Treuden presented financial statements for June, noting total receipts of \$405,915.31 and vouchers of \$633,643.56. Motion by Fischer/Frame to approve the financial report for June. 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 shared that they are currently making plans for homecoming week and this year's theme is Cartoons.

B. Legislative Report: No report.

C. Policy-Personnel Committee Report: Current discussions are about employee benefits and wages for 2025-26.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: It was reported that staff trainings have taken place with regard to student medications, fall sports are in full swing, Laps for Learning for elementary students is September 24, and onsite flu and COVID shot clinics for staff are scheduled in October.

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 the Deerfield Lions Club for its recent donation of \$3,500 to supplement the middle school field trip to Wisconsin Lions Camp.

B. District Grants Update: A DPI transition readiness grant in the amount of \$45,000 has been received as well as a Sources of Strength grant for \$6,500.

C. Building Project Update: Michelle Jensen reported on progress notes: Hanging drywall, mud and taping in Student Services wing is starting next week and should be complete in early November. Unit E steel and roof metal is almost complete, plumbing and electrical will continue next week. Unit E concrete slab pour is scheduled for September 29.

D. Summer School Report: Melinda Kamrath shared highlights: There were 252 students in session 1 and 232 students in session 2, trend is up in the number of teachers willing to teach, and daily attendance numbers showed more consistency in students who signed up and attended the full session.

E. Permission for Homecoming Bonfire on School Grounds: Shannon McDonough presented the request for October 15. Motion by Mack/Fischer to grant permission for the homecoming bonfire to be located on the grass area in front of the middle/high school on the east side of the parking lot. Carried 5-0.

F. Boys Volleyball Co-op Proposal with McFarland School District: Michelle Jensen presented the information, noting no change from the Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion by Frame/Mack to approve the boys volleyball co-op with McFarland School District starting in the 2026-27 school year. Carried 5-0.

G. High School FBLA Chapter: Shannon McDonough presented information submitted by business education teacher Keith Schneider, who would like to form a local chapter of Future Business Leaders of America. Motion by Fischer/Hart to approve the formation of a local chapter of FBLA for our high school students. Carried 5-0.

H. Guaranteed Admissions Waiver: Michelle Jensen reviewed the waiver, noting there was no input at the public hearing which was held prior to this board meeting. Motion by Frame/Fischer to approve the request to DPI for a waiver regarding tie-breaking procedures in compliance with Act 95. Carried 5-0.

I. Increased Custodial Staffing at Middle/High School: Doreen Treuden explained the need to increase custodial staffing now that the 2-story addition is occupied. Motion by Fischer/Hart to approve an increase to middle/high school second shift custodial staff by .50 FTE. Carried 5-0.

J. Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: Administration presented the resignation of Shanna Anderson, middle/high school counselor. Motion by Fischer/Frame to accept the resignation as presented. Carried 5-0.

K. Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Administration presented the recommendation of Jessica Fisher as a speech-language pathologist. Motion by Frame/Mack to approve the recommendation as presented. Carried 5-0.

L. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen shared the recent resignation of Scott Mack as the head softball coach and the rehire of Katie Crawford as an instructional assistant.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid welcomed students and staff back for the school year.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen shared that the high school students are very excited about their new space and have been doing a good job of adapting to new rules. She attended the Fall State Superintendents Conference in Madison last week.

Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey shared that Sources of Strength is up and running in the middle and high schools. Katie Berg presented to the full staff on September 5 on neurodiversity and positive feedback was received.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath shared that Ready, Set, Go conferences were a huge success with almost 100% participation. Laps for Learning will be held September 24. She encouraged families to read the monthly newsletter and the Tuesday Newsday flyers that are sent home via email.

Shannon McDonough: Principal McDonough shared that Senior Night was well attended with 30 out of 40 families in attendance. Our NHS students presented to the freshmen on all the different clubs that are offered and encouraged them to try everything. The new traffic flows on both the north and south sides of the building are going very well and everyone's slow speed and attentiveness are appreciated.

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 7:04 p.m. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk