

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
MS/HS IMC
October 21, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Others Present: No others present

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by President, Lisa Sigurslid at 6:04 p.m. as duly posted under s.s. 19.84(1)(2)(c).

2. Call of Roll:

Present: Fischer, Frame, Hart, Knudtson, Mack, Salkowski, Sigurslid

3. Proof of Posting:

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of meeting agenda on October 16, 2024 at the village hall, district buildings, and the district website.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Fischer/Hart to adopt the October 21, 2024 agenda as posted. Carried 7-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Frame/Salkowski to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024 regular meeting. Carried 7-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

Laura Peachey presented financial statements for July and August, noting total receipts of \$313,559.49 and vouchers of \$414,306.06 for July and total receipts of \$1,604,204.83 and vouchers of \$524,924.26 for August. Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to approve the financial reports for July and August. 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 state budget requests are being announced with a strong focus on special education reimbursement to schools. There are many months left in the budget process.

C. Policy-Personnel Committee Report: The committee continues to meet about staff wages.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: Student groups at the elementary level are beginning to meet, new software for nutrition services coming soon, MS/HS staff received first aid training, employee health and wellness resources were shared with staff. Recent events include Walk the Track, Walking School Bus, Laps for Learning and a TRUE ID pizza party.

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: Elementary PTO, for its donation of \$2,530 for recess items and a donation to each student's field trip account; and Anna Haag for her donation of gently used clothes and shoes.

B. District Grants Update: A nursing grant in the amount of \$23,500 was received from CESA 2. Sources of Strength staff training is scheduled for this Friday.

C. Building Project Update: Michelle Jensen shared that work continues in the small gym with the goal for completion the end of October. Stairs to second story and window framing in the high school addition have started. Fab Lab furniture has been completed.

D. Early College Credit/Start College Now Applications for Spring 2025:

Michelle Jensen presented the applications. Motion by Hart/Fischer to approve the applications for spring 2025 as presented. Carried 7-0.

E. Cross-Curricular Trip Proposal for 2026: Michelle Jensen presented the proposal, noting no changes from the Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion by Fischer/Knudtson to approve the cross-curricular trip March 10-15, 2026 to Toronto, Montreal and Niagara Falls. Carried 7-0.

F. Announcement of Equalized Property Value and Equalization Aid: Doreen Treuden reviewed the data points related to the budget.

G. Proposed Budget for 2024-2025: Doreen Treuden reviewed the proposed budget that will be presented at the annual meeting, noting a \$528,000 deficit budget which includes health insurance proposal, wage increases and the removal of ESSER funds. Motion by Fischer/Knudtson to approve the proposed budget for 2024-25 as presented. A roll call vote is required to approve the current expenditures. All ayes.

H. Summer School Report: Melinda Kamrath reviewed the changes that were made to summer school last year which included an additional hour each day, fewer days and new high school musical classes. The DPI pupil count was 31.

I. Announcement of Third Friday Enrollment Count: Karen Frey shared the report, noting the student count of 743.

J. Resignation of School Board Member: Michelle Jensen announced that Autumn Knudtson has tendered her resignation effective November 30, 2024. An announcement seeking interested community members to fill the position through April 2025 has been submitted to The Independent for publishing in the News Briefs.

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

L. Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Elementary EEN Teacher:

Administration presented the recommendation of Charlie Jo Kratovil as an elementary EEN teacher. Motion by Frame/Fischer to approve the recommendation. Carried 7-0.

M. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen announced the resignation of Ron Warrenburg, custodian.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid offered thanks to Autumn Knudtson for her service to the district.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen offered appreciation to the staff and families that help make homecoming week special for students. She recognized Hannah Opala and Tara Frana for their organization as student council advisors. She shared that she has been attending regional meetings around the state as WASDA board president. She has enjoyed meeting other superintendents and learning what is important in their region of the state.

Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey shared that a middle school cross country runner was recently featured in a news story. All positions are now filled in the special education department.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath offered thanks to the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department and Deer-Grove EMTs for talking to students about fire prevention and to the PTO for its \$500 donation for indoor games and outdoor items. A reminder that the annual craft fair fundraiser is November 9th. Contact the elementary office if you are interested in volunteering.

Shannon McDonough: Principal McDonough shared that homecoming week was outstanding with daily activities, pep rallies, dress up themes, and more. Middle school students attended a performance at American Players Theater and high school students led a Farm Day at the elementary school. The junior class attended a Wisconsin Educator Fair at Sun Prairie West High School.

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 7:08 p.m. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk