

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
MS/HS IMC
December 16, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Others Present: Ryan Fankhauser, Will Brattlie, Sarah Jungbluth, Anne Kessenich

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, Salkowski, Sigurslid

3. Proof of Posting:

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of meeting agenda on December 10, 2024 at the village hall, district buildings, and the district website.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Frame/Hart to adopt the December 16, 2024 agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Fischer/Salkowski to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024 regulars meeting. Carried 6-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures:

No financial report as there was not a Committee of the Whole meeting held in December.

7. Public Input: No public input.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Student School Board Representative Report: Will Brattlie reported that recent activities include helping 4K students build gingerbread houses and a blood drive.

B. Legislative Report: No report.

C. Policy-Personnel Committee Report: No report.

D. Health and Wellness Committee Report: New menu software for nutrition services has been released at the elementary level, vision and hearing screenings will be done, an application for a CESA grant has been submitted, groups are needed to host concessions at home games, students would like more early morning and evening hours in the fitness center, TRUE ID is holding a pizza and bingo night on January 10 and a Winter Walk will be planned for January.

E. Joint Interactive Committee Report: Maggie Darr, new village administrator, was welcomed. The public library expansion plan is moving forward. The school construction project continues to go well and there have been instances of the public driving through the fenced area on Britson Street so the gate is now locked on one end.

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

A. Appointment of New School Board Member: Michelle Jensen introduced the two candidates for the open board seat: Sarah Jungbluth and Anne Kessenich. The candidates had an opportunity to address the board to share their experience and reasons for seeking the appointment. Motion by Sigurslid/Mack to nominate Anne Kessenich to the open board seat. Ballot vote was taken; carried 5-1 in favor of Anne Kessenich.

a. Swearing in of New School Board Member: Doreen Treuden performed swearing in of Anne Kessenich.

B. Donations to the District: Appreciation was given to recent donors for their support of the district: Val Waszak, for her donation of a cornet and case to the music department; Mark and Brenda Jacobs, for their donation of an electric piano to the music department; Music Boosters, for its donation of \$250 to the DEAR fund and \$300 towards the repair of a digital piano; Deerfield Lions Club, for its donation of \$300 to the high school cheer team; Sam and Stacey Kimmel, for their donation of \$100 to the DEAR fund; and St. Vincent de Paul-Lake Mills, for its donation of winter coats, hats and gloves to the district.

C. District Grants Update: Nothing new to report.

D. Building Project Update: Michelle Jensen shared that the roof is finished on the first floor, windows have been installed throughout the high school wing, exterior siding is being installed, masons are finishing brick work and the backup generator is fully functioning as confirmed by an electrician. Furniture RFPs have gone out to vendors as the district looks to secure 2024 pricing and lock in 2025 pricing.

E. School Safety Report: Ryan Fankhauser reported on the school safety drill held on December 6, 2024 in both buildings.

F. Resolution to Exceed the Revenue Cap Commencing with the 2025-26 School Year by an Amount of \$1,750,000: Resolution was presented. Motion by Fischer/Hart to approve the resolution to exceed the revenue cap commencing with the 2025-26 school year. A roll call vote is required to approve the resolution. All ayes.

G. Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution to Exceed the District's Revenue Cap Commencing with the 2025-26 School Year by an Amount of \$1,750,000: Resolution was presented. Motion by Hart/Salkowski to approve the resolution providing for a referendum election on the question of the approval of a resolution to exceed the district's revenue cap commencing with the 2025-26 school year. A roll call vote is required to approve the resolution. All ayes.

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

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

J. Support Staff Employment Report: Michelle Jensen announced the recent hiring of Justin Lees, custodian; Alex Miller, long-term substitute teacher; Kelsie Frey, short-term substitute teacher; and Tecla Bilogo Asumu, custodian.

10. School Board President's Report: Lisa Sigurslid welcomed Anne Kessenich to the board and offered thanks to Sarah Jungbluth for her interest in serving on the board. She extended congratulations to Sandy Fischer for her 20 years of service and her thanks to Michelle Jensen for her positive email message today in light of the tragic school shooting at Abundant Life Christian School.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Superintendent Jensen expressed gratitude to the school community for the many ways they support our kids and help them grow into young adults who are prepared for their next steps after high school.

Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey shared that the middle school students recently participated in an Amazing Race activity. The short-term special education teacher position has been filled.

Melinda Kamrath: Principal Kamrath shared the many ways that students are giving back during the holiday season. She offered thanks to the PTO for their numerous donations, and to Ashley Meyer along with the third and fourth grade teachers and students for a wonderful concert.

Shannon McDonough: Principal McDonough shared that monthly Principal Advisory meetings will continue to take place to discuss school-related topics from a high school student's perspective. The group is comprised of student leaders. The eighth grade students recently attended Future Quest which provided them an opportunity to explore and plan their futures through activities, advice and guidance.

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 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Board Clerk