

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Board Room
February 18, 2008
6:30 pm**

BOE Present: Bush, Cwik, Fischer, Mack
BOE Absent: Page, Poirier, Winkler

Administration Present: Becker, Callahan, Jensen, Treuden
Administration Absent: Stenroos

Student Council Representative Present: Brad Konkel

Others Present:

Meeting called to order by President, Tom Bush at 6:34 pm as duly posted under s.s. 19.84(1)(2)(c).

Roll Call taken: Bush, Cwik, Fischer, Mack present.

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of Amended Meeting Agendas.

Motion by Fischer/Cwik to approve the February 18, 2008 agenda as posted.
Carried 4-0.

Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve the corrected minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 21, 2008. Carried 4-0.

Financial report presented by Doreen Treuden. Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve financial statement. Roll call vote to approve. Carried 4-0.

Public Input: None.

HS Student Council Report: Brad Konkel reported the HSSC will be organizing and participating in several activities before the end of the year, including a blood drive, date auction, highway clean-up and veterans visits.

Legislative Report/Discussion: Michelle Jensen emailed legislative reports to Board Members. Assembly bill to consider eliminating the Sept. 1 start date has been tabled until the 09-10 legislative session.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Due to lack of members present, advertising policy and investment policy were tabled until next month.

Extracurricular Advisory Committee Report: Cambridge inquired about creating a co-op swim team, parent interested in a co-op hockey team, considered tournament attendance policy for students and coaches. Discussed Cambridge-Deerfield Soccer co-op. Congratulations to wrestlers with bids to state. Boys and Girls Basketball Regionals beginning soon. Booster Club ended contract with W club and are looking for other fundraising efforts.

Finance Committee: Looked at to-date expenditures, analyzed costs of beginning a 4K program.

Facilities Committee Report: Reviewed the PRA facility study, will create a “must do” list for the committee’s review.

Personnel Committee Report: No report, last meeting cancelled due to weather.

Technology Committee Report: Discussed current progress with Skyward transition, weekly meetings taking place between project manager and district, discussed Apple Lease set to purchase new computers for business education lab.

Health and Wellness Committee Report: No meeting held.

Citizen Advisory Committee: Last meeting was Jan. 30 to finalize ideas for community survey, group will spend February encouraging residents to complete survey, 1500 surveys have been mailed.

4K Committee: Reviewed survey results, approx. 50 surveys returned with large majority in support of a 4K program, more parents favor a half day program and would consider using bus transportation if not on the same bus as older students. Financial projects for starting a 4K program could potentially be about \$50,000 but the financial gain in the second and third years of the program would offset this initial cost.

Joint Interactive Committee: District reported on community survey coming out soon, village reported on potential grocery store locations and Capitol Area Regional Planning Commission hearing, township did not have any report.

New Business:

First Reading – Gifts to Schools Policy: Gifts to the schools in various forms (monetary, equipment, services) would need to be approved by the board if valued at \$500 or more. Motion by Fischer/Cwik to approve first reading. Carried 4-0.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation-Borgrud, Mickelson and Anderson Scholarship Fund: Tim Mickelson, former graduate, has created a family scholarship fund. Other interested parties/families are encouraged to add to the foundation as a way to make the

funds grow and recognize additional scholarship. Thank you to Tim Mickelson and family for this generous donation. Motion by Mack/Fischer to approve scholarship. Carried 4-0.

American Red Cross Building Use Agreement: Red Cross contacted the school to renew the emergency shelter agreement, to use school facilities under extreme emergencies with permission from the District Administrator. Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve agreement. Carried 4-0.

Capitol Area Regional Planning Commission Update: Discussed Capital Area Regional Planning Commission update. Motion by Cwik/Mack to have Michelle Jensen write a letter to the Commission, on behalf of the district regarding future enrollment concerns, due to proposed CARPC policies. Carried 4-0.

Grant Renewal Request: Proposals for renewal of the AODA and Tobacco grants were presented. Both grants require in kind services from the district such as personnel and materials that the school typically provides in the school year. Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve the renewal of the AODA grant. Carried 4-0. Motion by Mack/Fischer to approve the renewal of the Tobacco grant. Carried 4-0.

Course Offering for Spring 2008-American History in Film: A new social studies elective course was proposed for students to take this spring due to scheduling conflicts leaving many students without a class during a period of the day. Motion by Bush/Fischer to approve new course. Carried 4-0.

January Pupil Enrollment Report: Pupil Count is down slightly from January last year, but up from September of this year.

Make-Up Inclement Weather Dates: Discussion of possible dates including Good Friday, spring break and week of June 9. Board asked that parents and staff be surveyed about possible dates.

Summer School Dates and Fees for 2008: Due to various options for inclement weather it was recommended that summer school meet for two full weeks in June and three full weeks in July. Also recommended a \$1 increase from \$5 to \$6 per session. Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve schedule and fee increase. Carried 4-0.

Staff Advancement of Teaching Contracts/Extension of Probation: Congratulation to Adele Crabb and Christy Charles on advancing on the salary schedule. Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve staff advancements. Carried 4-0.

Staff Resignations: Vicky Borger and Char Beckner submitted letters of resignation as both plan to retire at the end of the school year. Vicky will retire with 30 years of teaching experience between Deerfield and Oconomowoc. Char will retire with 35 years of teaching experience in Deerfield, Milwaukee and Monona Grove. Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve both resignations with thanks for their years of service to the district and students of Deerfield. Carried 4-0.

Final Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts/Extension of Probation: Final non-renewals for the one year contracts were presented. Motion by Fischer/Mack to approve final notice of non-renewal. Carried 4-0.

Extension of probation moved to executive session.

School Board President's Report: Tom Bush presented information from the delegate's session at the state convention in January, announced attendance at a Dane County School Board meeting or area schools, expressed concern over projected budget shortfall at the state level of \$650 million.

Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen reported on some of the sessions she attended at the state convention, discussed the numerous surveys that are in the school and community at this time including the 4K survey, community survey, AODA survey and senior exit survey. Thanks to all for taking time to complete these. Congratulations to state wrestlers.

Doreen Treuden reported that the beef recall announced on the national news today does not currently apply to the beef products the district purchases. Our beef products come from a state processed site which is not a part of the recall. The district has received phone calls from concerned parents.

Mark Becker reported that Tammi Henke has a student teacher this semester, 4th grade students took the NAEP tests this week, parent teacher conferences are this week, PTO has a number of enrichments planned for the spring.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

Motion by Cwik/Fischer to hold a roll call vote to move to executive session at 8:29 pm. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Fischer/Mack to reconvene in open session at 9:28 pm. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve extended faculty probation. Carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Fischer/Mack to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Cwik
Clerk