

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Board Room
March 17, 2008
6:30 pm**

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

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

Student Council Representative Present: Brad Konkel

Others Present: Jessica Carlson, Paul Haag, Jeff Moerke, Justin Ego, Stefanie Alvarez,
Rani Connely, Christy Charles, Mark Klawiter

Meeting called to order by President, Tom Bush at 6:32 pm as duly posted under s.s.
19.84(1)(2)(c).

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

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of Amended Meeting Agendas.

Motion by Fischer/Page to approve the March 17, 2008 amended agenda as posted.
Carried 5-0.

Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings
held on February 18, 2008. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February
28, 2008. Carried 5-0.

Financial report presented by Doreen Treuden. Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve
financial statement. Roll call vote to approve. Carried 5-0.

Public Input: None.

HS Student Council Report: Brad Konkel reported the HSSC visited the Veteran's
Hospital today, they are planning a Blood Drive and highway clean-up as well as looking

into current policy on allowing personal music players in the high school during free times.

Legislative Report/Discussion: Michelle Jensen sends out legislative emails to the board. All reports are available to the public upon request.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Discussed second reading of Gifts Policy that is on the agenda. Looking at creating a Staff Health Examination policy that addresses state statutes, read through AODA policy changes and creations, tabled Advertising policy until April due to lack of time.

Extracurricular Advisory Committee Report: Reviewed soccer co-op with Cambridge and discussed hockey co-op interest with McFarland. Reported that spring sports have begun with strong participation.

Finance Committee: Recommending an increase in milk and meal prices for next year. OPEB – Other Post Employment Benefits review will be scheduled for July 2009. Discussed financial implications of the 4K program. Discussed delay in state aid payment projected for June/July 2008.

Facilities Committee Report: No report, committee did not meet.

Personnel Committee Report: Continued work on classification of non-union staff members and eligible compensation for overtime.

Technology Committee Report: Update on Skyward implementation, explored new technology tool of computer pods allowing four monitors to run on one computer.

Health and Wellness Committee Report: No report, committee did not meet.

Citizen Advisory Committee: Next meeting will be held Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 pm in the HS IMC to hear presentation of survey findings by Bill Foster of School Perceptions. Public encouraged to attend.

4K Committee: Committee has provided a recommendation to be discussed under new business.

Old Business:

Second Reading - Gifts to Schools Policy: Clarification was given to questions from the audience. Motion by Page/Fischer to approve second reading. Carried 5-0.

New Business:

Board requested that Item A., Science Club Camping Trip, be moved to a later point in the meeting due to staff not being present yet. Decided that they could discuss Item L., Consideration of Four Year Old Kindergarten Program.

Consideration of Four Year Old Kindergarten Program: The 4K committee recommended that the Board implement a 4K program next fall. Michelle presented information regarding the survey results, financial impact and letters submitted by committee members. Members of the audience asked questions regarding the program. Motion by Fischer/Mack to approve 4K program as submitted beginning in 08-09. Carried 5-0.

Donation of Wrestling Mats from Wrestling Club: The Wrestling Club donated new wrestling mats, that were purchased through advertising donations and wrestling club fundraisers. The Wrestling Club asked that the mats be properly cared for and stored for use by the Wrestling Club only. Motion by Fischer/Cwik to accept the donation from the Wrestling club with many thanks for their generous donation. Carried 5-0.

Announcement of Grants to District: Deerfield School recently received grant money to fund different projects. The Deerfield Community Trust Fund donated \$500 to help pay for the climbing wall and mats at the Elementary School. The district AODA program received \$1000 from the Blue kids Organization for a safe driving campaign. \$500 was received from Mobil on Main to be used for the 7th Grade Upham Woods outdoor education program. The high school bio-diesel project received a \$10,000 Best Buy technology grant.

Grant Applications for District: Several grants are currently being worked on and include a \$100,000 Best Buy Technology grant, Carol White PEP grant for Phy. Ed. which can be up to \$750,000 over three years, a \$25,000 Extreme Makeover PE grant as well as the 4K grant which provides \$3,000 per pupil through the State Budget. Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve grant applications. Carried 5-0.

Open Enrollment Requests for 2008-2009: The district shows 42 enrollment-in requests and 44 enrollment-out requests. The Board was cautioned that these numbers are very preliminary as parents do not need to identify their school choice until June. Motion by Cwik/Page to approve Open Enrollment application requests. Carried 5-0.

Youth Options Requests for Fall 2008: Requests were presented for students who would like to pursue college courses to further their learning. Requests may change in the fall once student schedules have been established. Motion by Page/Cwik to approve Youth Option Requests. Carried 5-0.

Request for Lunch Waiver for Foreign Exchange Students/Teacher: Motion by Cwik/Mack to waive lunch fees for visiting students/teacher from Thailand. Carried 5-0.

Extracurricular Staffing Recommendations: The Extracurricular Committee recommended that Matt Couey share an assistant baseball coach position with Tim Peerenboom and Kirsten Wohlers share an assistant softball coach position with Kelly Bontekoe. Motion by Fischer/Page to approve coaching assignments. Carried 5-0.

Teaching Contracts for 2008-09: Teaching positions were presented to the BOE. Contracts are due by April 15 with preliminary lay-off notices to be presented by May 1. Motion by Cwik/Page to approve teaching contracts. Carried 5-0.

Calendar for 2008-09: Three calendar options considered by the union were presented to the BOE. Motion by Page/Mack to approve Calendar Option 2. Carried 5-0.

Appointment of Board Members to Safety Committee: In accordance with the law, the district should have a Safety Committee. Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve Safety Committee which includes principals, school board members, staff, public and business manager. Carried 5-0.

Request for Science Club Camping Trip: Science staff presented a proposal to take a camping trip June 10-13. Consideration will be given to allow the club to be dismissed early on June 10 and the Board requested more specific information on # of students and transportation plan prior to departure. Motion by Page/Cwik to approve Science Club camping trip. Carried 5-0.

Preliminary Staff Proposals for 2008-09: Planning for next year is beginning and class sizes and specialty programs will need to be considered in process. Further discussion will take place in executive session.

School Board President's Report: Tom Bush presented information regarding the school board positions up for election in April.

Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen reported that Angie Bazan is one of 13 teachers selected to travel to Germany the last two weeks in April for a cultural exchange program. This program is sponsored through DPI and Atlantic Brukke. Thanks to many individuals for their donations and grants to the district. 41 districts are seeking referendum approval at the April 1st ballot.

Barb Callahan shared the professional development option hours opportunities provided to staff throughout the year.

Doreen Treuden shared her Food Service auditors report.

Jeff Stenroos announced that Seth Mulhall is a finalist for the 2008 National Merit Scholarship. UW-Whitewater wheelchair basketball will be coming to both buildings this month. Skyward implementation is going well. Deerfield ranked 2nd for sportsmanship in the conference.

Mark Becker shared thanks to the Deerfield Community Trust Fund, PTO, and Josh Fischer family for contributions to purchase the elementary climbing wall and protective mats. Read Across America was a big success with many volunteers and lock in for 6th graders in the evening.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

Motion by Cwik/Page to hold a roll call vote to move to executive session at 8:40 pm.
Carried 5-0.

Motion by Fischer/Mack to reconvene in open session at 10:22 pm. Carried 5-0.

No actions taken on budget issues in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Motion by Mack/Page to adjourn at 10:23 p.m. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Cwik
Clerk