

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
HS IMC
April 27, 2009
6:30 pm**

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

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

Others Present: Peter Vogel, Amy Graves, Laurie Steen, Heidi Gardner, Dan Bolch, Dave Mahoney, Kathy Miles, Paul Haag, Jane Holland, Lori Vogel, Rachel Haag

1. Call to Order

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

2. Call of Roll

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

3. Proof of Posting

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of the Amended Meeting Agenda on April 22, 2009.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Cwik/Winkler to approve the April 27, 2009 amended agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Meetings on March 16, 2009 and Special Meetings on April 8, 2009 and April 16, 2009. Carried 6-0.

6. Treasurer's Report: Financial reports presented by Doreen Treuden. Motion by Bush/Cwik to approve financial report.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the current expenditures. Carried 6-0.

7. Public Input: Inquiry made from parent about putting documents discussed at board meetings online for interested public to preview. Inquiry made from a parent about the status of the high school science position (which was addressed under new business).

8. Special Presentation(s):

Middle School Project – 10,000 Meals

On behalf of the MS students and staff, Jacque Wichlacz presented information on the 10,000 meals project which will benefit our local food pantry and Second Harvest. The project encourages students to do creative projects to earn money to buy 10,000 meals for those in need. The students have been holding bake sales and worked concessions during a track meet. They will continue the project and report back at the May board meeting on their progress.

Dane County Sheriff's Dept. – SRO Grant

Sheriff Dave Mahoney and staff presented information regarding the School Resource Officer grant that was recently applied for through the federal stimulus package. After the Sheriff's Department, Deerfield has agreed to be listed on the grant in accepting a SRO for a four year period. The federal stimulus plan would pay for the SRO for the first three years and the district would need to fund the fourth. The Board of Education felt that the benefits this position would bring to the district were worth pursuing. The position would begin next fall and work in both buildings in the district.

9. Student Council Report: There was no Student Representative present, but Jeff Stenroos reported that the student officers and a HS teacher group have been meeting regarding a trial period for MP3 player use. The trial period will begin on May 4th for HS students only, during the lunch period and will run through the end of the year. Future consideration may be given for next year dependent on the outcome of this trial period.

10. Reorganization of the Deerfield Community School Board:

A. Swearing in of Recently Elected Members:

Sandy Fischer, Jim Haak, Chris Page

B. Election of Officers

President: Motion by Cwik to Elect Tom Bush and motion by Winkler to elect Chris Page. Roll call vote 5-2 to Elect Tom Bush.

Vice-President: Motion by Cwik to Elect Chris Page – Carried 7-0

Clerk: Motion by Page to Elect Doug Cwik – Carried 7-0

Treasurer: Motion by Mack to Elect Jim Haak – Carried 7-0

CESA Representative: Motion by Fischer to Elect Tom Bush - Carried 7-0.

DISC Representative: Motion by Mack to Elect Sandy Fischer – Carried 7-0.

WASB Delegate: Motion by Cwik to Elect Tom Bush – Carried 7-0.

WASB Alternate: Motion by Mack to Elect Doug Cwik – Carried 7-0.

C. Committee Appointments

Extra-Curricular Advisory: Sandy Fischer, Chair, Jeff Winkler, Shelley Mack

Finance: Jim Haak, Chair, Tom Bush, Chris Page

Facilities: Jeff Winkler, Chair, Tom Bush, Jim Haak

Personnel: Tom Bush, Chair, Shelley Mack, Doug Cwik

Policy: Chris Page, Chair, Doug Cwik, Shelley Mack

Technology: Jeff Winkler, Chair, Doug Cwik, Jim Haak

C. Committee Appointments (Continued)

School Health Advisory: Sandy Fischer, Chair

Safety: Doug Cwik, Jeff Winkler

Joint Interactive: Tom Bush, Jeff Winkler

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Report/Discussion: Federal stimulus money has been announced to WI schools. Deerfield will be receiving about \$150,000 to spend over the next two years. The money is designated to IDEA-Special Education. We did not qualify to receive any Title I money.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Ryan Petersen spoke about the field trip policies and expressed desire to have consideration be given to allow the band trip to travel next year and begin the every other year off in 2010-2011.

Extra Curricular Committee Report: Discussed HS code book and the need to create a separate MS code book.

Finance Committee Report: Discussed monthly reconciliations, activity accounts for audit, referendum update and 09-10 budget.

Facilities Committee Report: Invited winter sports to share needs and gathered a list of requests. Paul Haag, wrestling coach, added the need for wall pads in commons.

Personnel Committee Report: DEA and DESP negotiations are underway and going well with both groups. Hopeful that contracts will be decided by end of school year.

Technology Committee Report: Had update on MIMIO interactive whiteboards (which are being demoed in the district).

Safety Committee Report: Discussed severe weather awareness/procedures.

Joint Interactive Committee Report: Members from village, township and school board shared information about grocery store (no progress at this time), water well site at elementary school, referendum update, prairie grass planning on elementary school hill and mowing contract.

Health and Wellness Committee Report: No meeting held during this time.

Michelle Jensen also shared the recent swine flu information that pertains to Health and Wellness and Safety committees as plans are put into place for district.

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Policy Second Reading – Field Trip Policies (352 & 352.1): Policy language was shared which states that the board approves of field trips. The board expressed the desire to have more students gain access to participating in extended field trips and that staff are welcome to plan trips during breaks from school such as spring break and summer but that it was the desire of the committee to see extended field trips during the school day is limited to every other year. The field trip committee will meet again to discuss Ryan Petersen's proposal to have extended trips of 3 days out of school begin in 2010-2011. Carried 7-0.

B. Open Enrollment: Presently there are 26 transfers in and 19 transfers out. This number continues to change as parents can choose up to the beginning of the school year. Motion by Cwik/Haak to approve open enrollment requests for 2009-2010 school year. Carried 7-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Designation of Official Board Newspaper: Motion by Bush/Cwik to approve the Independent as the Board Newspaper. Carried 7-0.

B. Designation of Official Bank Depository: Motion by Bush/Fischer to approve the Bank of Deerfield as the official Bank Depository. Carried 7-0.

C. Designation of Official Board Legal Counsel: Motion by Bush/Cwik to approve Davis & Kuelthau as the office school board Legal Counsel. Carried 7-0.

D. Designation of Official Board Meeting Date, Time and Location: Motion by Bush/Fischer to approve the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, except April which will be the 4th Monday @ 6:30 pm in the HS Studio Room as the official Board Meeting Date, Time and Location. Carried 7-0.

E. Creation of Ad Hoc Committee for Communications: Tom Bush announced the creation of a Communications committee to look at ways to improve communications to parents and community via variety of media sources. Interested persons should contact Michelle Jensen.

F. Policy First Readings:

Copyright Policy: Motion by Page/Haak to approve the first reading. Carried 7-0.

Interlibrary Loan Policy: Motion by Page/Haak to approve the first reading. Carried 7-0.

Assistive Technology Services Policy: Motion by page/Haak to approve the first reading. Carried 7-0.

G. CESA 2 Driver Education Contract 2009/10: Motion by Page/Winkler to approve the Driver Education Contract for the 2009/10 school year. Carried 7-0.

H. Youth Apprenticeships for 2009/10: Two students have requested to enroll in the health related services youth apprenticeship program for next year. These students are currently

taking the CNA class. The district pays for the fees associated with these apprenticeships similar to youth options. Motion by Page/Winkler to approve the contracts for the apprenticeships. Carried 7-0.

I. Long Term Substitute Recommendation: – Motion by Page/Cwik to approve Elaina Knoble-Janney for the Elementary Guidance substitute. Carried 7-0.

J. Staffing Recommendation(s): Motion by Bush/Winkler to approve Suzanne Thuecks for the HS Science Teaching position 2009-2010. Carried 7-0.

K. Early Graduation Request: Discussed in executive session.

14. School Board President's Report: Tom Bush welcomed Jim Haak to the board and congratulated the re-elected board members. He also thanked Chuck Poirier for his service to the board and his work specifically with the financial areas of the district.

15. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Reported on the open positions in the district. Guidance currently has 78 applicants on the WECAN posting. The applicants will be narrowed down with interviews to be held in early May. The Principal position had 60 applicants and the first and second round interviews have been held with reference checks being made at this time. Michelle thanked Chuck Poirier for his service to the district and the business perspective he brought. The WKCE scores will be published in the WI State Journal at the end of April, but are embargoed until that time which prevents her from sharing specific details with the board or public.

Barb Callahan: No report.

Doreen Treuden: Shared that Doug Strasburg of First Student transportation announced his retirement as of June. She also shared that the finance committee will be discussing the transportation contract and exploring a lawn mowing contract.

Jeff Stenroos: Thanked Jackie and Jacquie for their work in planning the Senior Conference Day and Teen Topic Day held with 6-12 grade students. He also noted that a senior mailing has been sent home pertaining to portfolios, graduation, and important dates.

Mark Becker: Thanked Barb Bendall and Kelli Strege for their work in planning the elementary Health Fair. He announced kindergarten registration taking place this week, the success of Fine Arts Month, upcoming Young Author's Day and summer school registration.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

Motion by Mack/Fischer to move to executive session at 10:00 pm. Carried 7-0.

President Bush reconvened in open session at 10:39 pm and announced that action was taken in executive session regarding an early graduation request. Carried 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Page/Winkler to adjourn at 10:40 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Cwik
Clerk