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Deerfield Board of Education
Regular Meeting
HS Board Room
May 17, 2010
6:30 pm

BOE Present: Fischer, Haak, Mack, Meinecke, Page, Steen

BOE Absent: Winkler

Administration Present: Becker, Callahan, Jensen, Treuden

Administration Absent: Luetschwager

Student Representative Present:

Others Present: Anastasia Neal, Eric Neal, Kelly Demerath

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President, Chris Page at 6:31 pm as duly posted under s.s. 19.84(1)(2)(c).

2. Call of Roll

Roll Call taken: Fischer, Haak, Mack, Meinecke, Page, Steen

3. Proof of Posting

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of the Meeting Agenda on May 11, 2010.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Fischer/Haak to approve the May 17, 2010 meeting agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Meinecke/Fischer to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 26, 2010 and Special Meeting on May 3, 2010. Carried 6-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures: Financial report was presented by Doreen Treuden. Motion by Haak/Fischer to approve April report as presented. Roll Call taken for approval: Fischer, Haak, Mack, Meinecke, Page, Steen

7. Public Input: No Input.

8. Special Presentation – ARISE Alternative Education Program: Kelly Demerath, the alternative education coordinator for the ARISE program made a presentation on the

alt.ed.program for grades 6-9. Kelly reported that 23 students are currently served in the program. Next year the program will expand to service students 7-12, combining the ARISE program and LEAPP. A recent survey to students, parents and staff indicate the program is having a positive impact on student achievement. ARISE is funded through a three year grant from DPI.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student School Board Representative Report: Ashley Konkel announced that there will be an Academic Pep Rally on Tuesday, June 1 during first hour.

Legislative Report/Discussion: Michelle Jensen shared that the current legislative updates have been emailed to the board. Race to the Top and Common Core Standards will be addressed later in the agenda.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Chris Page shared that the committee continued work on the graduation requirements with specific work on the additional requirements in the current policy. The committee discussed eliminating the requirement related to the high school graduation test and/or WKCE since this test is being phased out. They also discussed eliminating the minimum GPA which was attached to the results of the standardized test. Language related to alternative education plans and IEP's will be reworded and remain in the policy. Mark Becker shared the recommendation from the transportation committee which include expanding bus service to students living greater than one mile from school. This policy recommendation will come to the full board at the June meeting.

Extra Curricular Committee Report: Sandy Fischer shared that the committee has begun reviewing the code book, the date of August 11, 2010 has been set for the extracurricular code meeting next fall, the committee is looking into a guest speaker, discussion of returning the uniform rotation back into the district budget, future work on clarification of activity accounts related to fundraising efforts and discussion of some fundraising ideas for the future.

Finance Committee Report: Jim Haak shared that the monthly financial statements were reviewed, our Moody's credit rating was recalibrated from A3 to A1, review and discussion of the proposed office floor plan, review of Skyward financial upgrade proposal to include employee access, employee management and employee negotiations, discussion of OPEB (other post-employment benefits) study recently completed on the district's financial obligation to pay benefits.

Facilities Committee Report: No report to be given.

Personnel Committee Report: No report to be given.

Technology Committee Report: No report to be given.

Safety Committee Report: No report to be given.

Joint Interactive Committee Report: Michelle Jensen reported that the committee members gave updates on street signage near the elementary, proposed splash park at Savannah Park, building of the well house.

Health and Wellness Committee Report: No report to be given.

Transportation Committee Report: Doreen Treuden shared the recommendation of the transportation committee. After assessment of the current busing policy and student population, the committee has recommended to the policy committee that the policy be revised to include transportation for students in K-6 living greater than one mile from school. The committee also received a hazardous conditions report for Sky Terrace which remains on the bus route. Further discussions centered on establishing some safe walking groups to and from school and assessment of crossing guard locations. Chris Page announced that the revision to the transportation policy will be on the June board agenda.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Common Core Standards:** Michelle Jensen shared information regarding the soon-to-be adopted state and national standards for reading, language arts and mathematics. These standards are in the final stages of development and will be released in late May or early June. Wisconsin will be adopting these standards prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year.
- B. **Race to the Top Application:** The second round of RTT applications are due to the State by May 21. Wisconsin did not receive money in the first round and has expanded their initiatives, including the adoption of the common core standards, to improve their application. Deerfield could receive a minimum of \$79,900 for use on the initiatives. If Wisconsin's application is funded, the district has 90 days to decide whether to take part in the Race To the Top or to withdraw. Motion by Fischer/Steen to sign the agreement. Carried 6-0. Michelle Jensen also asked the union leadership to consider signing the agreement.
- C. **Skyward Financial Software Upgrade:** Doreen Treuden shared a request to upgrade the district's financial software package. We have not upgraded this package since the original purchase and there have been many upgrades that would make employee access more efficient. The additional packages would include employee access, employee management and salary negotiations. Skyward offered some discounts for purchasing all three packages together. The funds to purchase the software upgrade would come from monies left in the utilities budget. Motion by Haak/Steen to purchase the software upgrade. Carried 6-0.
- D. **Staffing Recommendation(s) - Custodian, Physical Ed. Teacher:** Doreen Treuden recommended Sean Sullivan as the new second-shift custodian at the MS/HS building. There were over 60 applicants and 7 interviews were held. Motion by Haak/Mack to approve Sean Sullivan as new custodian. Carried 6-0.

Michelle Jensen recommended Beka Johnson for the full-time physical education position. Beka currently has been working part-time in the district. The additional time added in the staffing proposal last month makes the position a 1.0 FTE. Because Beka is a current employee, she applied for the position as an internal candidate. We are very happy with the knowledge and skills Beka has brought to the phy.ed. program this past year. Motion by Fischer/Haak to approve Beka Johnson. Carried 6-0.

E. Summer School Contracts for 2010: Mark Becker presented additional recommendations for summer school positions. Motion by Haak/Fischer to approve additional summer school positions. Carried 6-0.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Michelle Jensen thanked the board members who will be participating in the Senior Exit Interviews on May 26th. She announced that senior superintendent interviews are almost completed and students continue to identify their fondness for the small school environment where they have many opportunities to get involved. The community is invited to the retirement celebration taking place on Tuesday, June 1 to honor Veda Stavonet, Karen Grob and Eleanor Hicks at the Cambridge County Club.

Barb Callahan: Barb Callahan shared that the Phy. Ed. department grant submitted by Pam Haffely and Beka Johnson was funded by DPI for a total of \$19,790 to be used for equipment and PE opportunities to get kids fit during and after school. She also shared that Stacy Gloede recently organized a field trip for students and parents to learn more about the special services programs UW-Whitewater offers to incoming students. The trip was well attended.

Doreen Treuden: No report.

Mark Becker: Mark Becker thanked the elementary PTO for providing a great teacher appreciation week, congratulated Mrs. Thomas and the 5th grade band for a fine performance earlier this evening and shared the success of Young Author's Day featuring Rick Chrustowski.

Mark Luetschwager: Michelle Jensen shared news for Mark regarding Advanced Placement testing which was completed by 21 students, congratulations again to NHS for being recognized as the Outstanding Junior Philanthropists of the Year by UW Children's Hospital. Sixth grade full day visitations have taken place at the MS/HS to help students become acquainted with the building, classrooms and teachers.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

Adjournment

Motion by Mack/Meinecke to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Clerk