

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

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

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

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

Others Present: Jessica Carlson, Susan Erickson, Randal Behlke, Amy Graves, Robin Apold, David Lemke, Cheri Lemke, Ben Vander Grinten, Adam Erickson, Bailey Gesteland, Colleen Rogers

**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, Poirier, Winkler

**3. Proof of Posting**

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of the Meeting Agenda.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Page/Poirier to approve the August 18, 2008 agenda as posted. Carried 7-0.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Page/Winkler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 21, 2008. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Page/Winkler to approve the minutes of the Executive Session on July 21, 2008. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Page/Winkler to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on July 14, 2008. Carried 7-0.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** No financial report presented at this time.

**7. Public Input:** No public input at this time.

**8. Student Council Report:** Brad Konkel introduced Aubrey Rohner as the new council president. Aubrey announced that the council will be participating in the Dane County Paint-A-Thon this weekend, will be holding a leadership meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> and will begin to prepare for Homecoming.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislative Report/Discussion:** No discussion.

**Policy Committee Report/Discussion:** Items discussed will be brought forward under New Business.

**Extra Curricular Committee Report:** Fall sports have begun, Christian Ezzell is the boys soccer coach this fall, recommendations to be made for volleyball coaches, middle school boys basketball coach position open, code meeting was held August 13th.

**Finance Committee Report:** Updates on the 2008-09 budget were given, discussion of year end for 07-08, upcoming audit discussed.

**Facilities Committee Report:** Roofing consultant and exterior wall consultant attended meeting on August 12 to present findings of current conditions of the exterior of MS/HS. Roofing estimates are 1 million dollars to replace roof over next 5 years. Exterior wall has about \$30,000 worth of repairs needed.

**Personnel Committee Report:** No report, did not meet.

**Technology Committee Report:** Discussed technology goals and plan for the district.

**Safety Committee Report:** Working on safety checklist, reviewed mission statement of committee, looking at use of 2 way radios for district personnel, beginning work on communication plans for emergency situations.

**Joint Interactive Committee Report:** Jeff and Michelle were only members in attendance. Discussed information known about each of the entities.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Policy Second Readings:**

**Commercial Activities and Advertising:** Motion by Page/Poirier to approve 2nd reading of the Commercial Advertising policy. Carried 7-0.

**Foreign Exchange Students:** Motion by Page/Winkler to approve 2nd reading of the Foreign Exchange Students policy. Carried 7-0.

**Locker Room Privacy:** Further discussion at committee level about strengthening policy wording regarding cell phone use in locker rooms. Would like to present revised policy at August 25 meeting. Motion by Page/Winkler to table until September Board meeting. Carried 7-0.

**B. Policy First Readings:**

**Two-Way Communication Device (Cell Phone Use):** Discussion at committee level regarding adding privilege of high school students able to use cell phones during lunch hour in designated location. Would like to present revised policy language for further discussion at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting. Motion by Page/Winkler to table until August 25<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting. Carried 7-0.

**C. Foreign Exchange Student Request for Enrollment:** This approval was deemed unnecessary once the new policy was approved at the second reading. The district will welcome a third exchange student from Germany. We have three students enrolled for the 08-09 school year from Germany.

**D. Show Choir Trip Proposal:** Information and trip itinerary for the trip to New York for March 24-29 was presented. Board members expressed concern regarding continued costs of annual trips, length of time students are away from classes (educational impact on students going on trip and staying behind), determination of who gets to attend each year through the trip rotation. Board members suggested that the annual trips need further discussion at the Board level. Motion by Page/Winkler to table the proposal until August 25<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting.

**E. 66:0301 Agreement with Madison-School to Work:** Deerfield along with the other Dane County districts is part of a school to work consortium through Madison Metropolitan School District. It is a pay as you enroll system with Madison acting as the fiscal agent. Last year we had one student participate which cost about \$1500. Motion by Winkler/Fischer to approve the contract. Carried 7-0.

**F. New Curriculum for 2008-09:**

**Sitton Spelling:** Mark Becker presented information on the new Spelling program that will focus on grades 1-5. Motion by Fischer/Cwik to approve the new spelling curriculum. Carried 7-0.

**A.I.M. (Achievement, Identity, Motivation):** Michelle Jensen presented information on the new AIM program for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Motion by Fischer/Cwik to approve the new curriculum. Carried 7-0.

**Archaeology:** Michelle Jensen presented information on an Archaeology class that Ryan Peterson will be teaching. Motion by Fischer/Cwik to approve the new curriculum. Carried 7-0.

**Total Body Fitness:** Michelle Jensen presented information on a new Fitness class that will be taught by Pam Haffely. Motion by Fischer/Cwik to approve the new curriculum. Carried 7-0.

**G. 2009-2010:** DEA provided the board with a calendar for 09-10. In 09-10, school will begin on September 1 and end on June 4. Motion by Winkler/Mack to approve the 09-10 calendar with changes to the Quarter End dates. Carried 7-0.

**H. Recognition of Gifts to District:** Michelle thanked Brett and Ryan Fankhauser, T&T Stone and Uphoff Landscaping for the work done on the shot put areas this past spring. Brett Fankhauser coordinated this effort and it is much appreciated.

**I. 2008-2009 Staff Handbooks:** Michelle presented an updated and condensed staff handbook to be used district-wide. The intent is to provide a document that consolidates important information for staff, especially useful for new teaching staff. Motion by Page/Winkler to approve handbook. Carried 7-0.

**J. Staffing Recommendation(s):** Recommended Lindsey Chamberlain as the MS/HS Art teaching position. Motion by Poirier/Cwik to approve the position recommendation. Carried 7-0.

**K. Extracurricular Contract Recommendations:** Motion by Mack/Fischer to approve extra-curricular contracts for Rachel Cleasby as MS VB Coach and Anne Lobenstein as JV VB Coach. Carried 7-0.

**L. 4K Student Registration Fee:** Current fees for K-12 are \$25 per student. 4K was not taken into consideration when the fees were set previously. Recommendation to assess a \$10 fee for 4K students to reflect partial day schedule. Motion by Winkler/Poirier to approve fee. Carried 7-0.

**M. 2008-09 Student Enrollment Update:** Registration last week brought in more accurate counts for enrollment. Board expressed concern over high numbers at the kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. Board would like the administration to create a financial analysis of adding personnel to both grade levels to accommodate high numbers. Suggested that revised staffing proposal be placed on agenda for the August 25<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting.

**N. 2008-09 Bus Route Update:** Doreen created a spreadsheet reflecting route times and riders for 07-08 and 08-09. Times appear to be very similar for morning and afternoon ride times. Numbers of afternoon riders are varied. District has entered the bus contract with the understanding that the reduced routes will be assessed throughout the year with the possibility of adding back the ½ route in the afternoon.

**11. School Board President's Report** Tom Bush reminded everyone of upcoming referendum and encouraged the community to get out and vote on September 9th. Also reminded everyone to be cautious of young children walking/riding bikes to and from school as the new year begins.

**12. Administrative Reports:**

Michelle Jensen – Shared further information on referendum presentations and upcoming postcards. Also thanked Jeff Smrecek and custodial staff for many hours of labor to prepare buildings for new year. They look great!

Barb Callahan: No Report

Jeff Stenroos: Shared that 7/8 grade orientation is August 25<sup>th</sup>, Skyward training is ongoing for grading components, UW Health/Children's Hospital recognized Deerfield School District under the work of Angie Bazan for donating over \$4700 which places us on the Wall of Fame in the children's hospital wing.

Doreen Treuden: No Report.

Mark Becker: Expressed gratitude to the custodians for summer cleaning of elementary, announced Open House on August 28, thanked staff for coming in to work on Sitton spelling for professional development.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Fischer/Mack to adjourn at 9:35 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Cwik  
Clerk