

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

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Board Room
September 15, 2008
6:30 pm**

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

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

Others Present: Jessica Carlson, David Lemke

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

3. Proof of Posting

Michelle Jensen presented proof of posting of the Meeting Agenda on September 8, 2008.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Fischer/Cwik to approve the September 15, 2008 agenda as posted. Carried 5-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 18, 2008. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve the minutes of the Special and Executive Sessions on August 25, 2008. Carried 5-0.

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

7. Public Input: David Lemke announced that Channel 4 is now on the digital TV channel 986 and will switch to the analog channel 95 after September 30. People can call 764-2514 if you have further questions about this change.

8. Student Council Report: Jeff Stenroos announced that the High School Student Council was preparing for homecoming to take place the week of September 29, 2008.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Report/Discussion: No discussion.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Reviewing the list of mandated policies from WASB in comparison to our current policies. Many areas discussed including student privacy, excused/unexcused absences.

Extra Curricular Committee Report: No report, did not meet.

Finance Committee Report: Discussed audit, 2008-09 budget planning, cost analysis for short term borrowing options.

Facilities Committee Report: Meeting on September 23, 2008.

Personnel Committee Report: Meeting on September 16, 2008.

Technology Committee Report: Meeting on September 22, 2008.

Safety Committee Report: Discussed need for two-way radios for building safety, will explore options.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Referendum Elections Results:** Referendum was successful by a 422-265 vote. The administration will keep the community informed of the progress toward meeting our needs through quarterly postcards.

B. **Advisory Committees/Extended Field Trips and Field Trips:** Tom Bush announced creation of two committees to look at current policies and practices. Committee members will be formally announced at the October meeting. Community members encouraged to contact district office if interested in being on this committee.

C. **New Curriculum-History Alive Grades 5-8:** Social studies teachers previewed a number of textbooks last spring and selected History Alive as it had many real-life components that engaged students in active thinking and hands-on learning. Grade 5 is US History, Grade 6 is Ancient World, Grade 7 is Medieval Times and Grade 8 is US History. Motion by Fischer/Cwik to approve the new curriculum. Carried 5-0.

D. **Recognition of Gifts to District:** Carl Weier presented the district with two American flags to replace worn flags. This donation comes from our local VFW. Michelle Jensen will be keeping a spreadsheet of district gifts and donations to report to the board at the end of the year.

E. **Authorization of Homecoming Bonfire:** Jeff Stenroos requested permission to hold the Homecoming Bonfire on Thursday, Oct. 2 following the volleyball game. Local fire department will be on hand to ignite, control, and extinguish fire. Motion by Cwik/Mack to approve Bonfire. Carried 5-0.

F. Report on Status of Defibrillators in District: Barb Bendall submitted the annual report on our AED's. AED's are self-checked weekly. All Code Blue responders are trained for AED use as well as first aid and CPR.

G. 66:0301 Agreement for Vision Services with Cambridge: Barb Callahan requested permission to purchase our vision services through an agreement with Cambridge and Mt. Horeb. Deerfield needs about 5% which is only a few hours per week. Motion by Page/Cwik to approve Vision Services agreement. Carried 5-0.

H. Update on Student Enrollment: The physical body count in our schools is approximately 788 students. This is not the Third Friday count which is used for state funding purposes. The addition of the kindergarten teacher and part-time middle school teacher has eased class size ratios.

I. Staffing Recommendations: Barb Callahan recommended Nicole Draheim for the Spanish/Middle School position. Mark Becker recommended Ann Michulsky for the kindergarten position. Motion by Cwik/Fischer to approve recommendations. Carried 5-0.

11. School Board President's Report Tom Bush thanked the community for passing the referendum. This additional money will help the district address critical needs going forward.

12. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Thanked the community for their support. She will be attending the State Superintendent's Conference in Madison at the end of the week. She shared a thank you note from the first grade team reflecting their appreciation for the time they were allowed to complete reading assessment at the end of the summer on the incoming first grade students.

Barb Callahan: Shared that Health and Wellness met to discuss goals for the year and will be planning some activities in the near future.

Jeff Stenroos: Shared the MS/HS newsletter which is posted on the website. Shared the homecoming theme of Hollywood Homecoming. Upham Woods trip was successful and the kids enjoyed the many environmental activities.

Doreen Treuden: No Report.

Mark Becker: Shared that the Open House went well. Parent Teacher conferences will be held on October 9th and 10th. Reading tutors are still needed.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

Adjournment

Motion by Cwik/Fischer to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Cwik
Clerk