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Deerfield Board of Education
Regular Meeting
HS Board Room
October 18, 2010
6:30 pm

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

BOE Absent:

Administration Present: Becker, Jensen, Johnsrud, Treuden

Administration Absent: Callahan

Student Representative Present: Ashley Konkel

Others Present: Jessica Carlson, Serena Wagner-Avila, Fritz Vogel, Robert Holland, John Polzin, Angie Bazan, Robin Apold

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President, Chris Page at 6:32 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, Winkler.

3. Proof of Posting

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

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Winkler/Fischer to approve the October 18, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda with the changes of moving item 10 A and K to the top of the Agenda. Carried 7-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Winkler/Steen to approve the September 20, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes. Carried 7-0.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Current Expenditures: Doreen Treuden presented the financial report for August. Motion by Haak/Winkler to approve report. A roll call vote was taken. Unanimous.

7. Public Input: No public input given.

8. Special Presentation: WIAA Student Leadership Conference Attendees: John Polzin and Tara Weisbrod took four students to the leadership conference in September. Student attendees Robert Holland, Serena Wagner-Avila, and Fritz Vogel shared information about speakers they heard during the day. Chad VandeWetering also attended the conference. The students appreciated the opportunity to take part in this conference.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student School Board Representative Report: Ashley Konkel reported that homecoming was a huge success and thanked both Ms. Wohlers and Mr. Johnsrud for making this such a success.

Legislative Report/Discussion: Nothing to report on as the current attention is on the governor's race.

Policy Committee Report/Discussion: Chris Page reported that the committee discussed the graduation requirements administrative rule and is close to a final version to present to the Board.

Extra Curricular Committee Report: Sandy Fischer reported that a fall sports update was given, coaching recommendations/resignations will come under new business, a thank you to members of the former cheer squad who cheered for homecoming, and the soccer coop contract is up for renewal.

Finance Committee Report: Jim Haak shared that the committee discussed financial report for August, Transportation Contracts and Short-term borrowing.

Facilities Committee Report: Jeff Winkler reported that discussion focused on the MS facility space and future action steps to consider. A tour of new offices and food service area were taken.

Personnel Committee Report: No meeting held.

Technology Committee Report: No meeting held.

Safety Committee Report: No meeting held.

Health and Wellness Committee Report: No meeting held.

Joint Interactive Committee Report: Discussion of parade for homecoming and discussed pedestrian/traffic issues on Quarry between Prairie and Brictson Streets.

Communications Committee Report: No meeting held.

Ad-Hoc Extracurricular-Activity Account Committee Report: Doreen Treuden reported that they discussed Insurance, our district policies and other districts policies.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for Field Trip Abroad to Germany, France and the Alps:** Ms. Bazan and Ms. Apold reported that currently there are 9 students confirmed to go on this trip, but that they would like to get 10 students confirmed. A student meeting and parent information meeting were held. The trip would take place in June 2010. All trip arrangements are taken care of through EF Tours. Motion by Winkler/Haak to approve this trip. Carried 7-0.
- B. Recognition of Gifts to District:** There have been a number of donations made to the district this past month. The Alliant Energy Foundation donated \$400 to the high school wrestling activity account as part of an employee volunteer program which district resident Jeff Moerke took part in. Mark Becker reported that parent Judith Nichols donated a number of reading technology materials to elementary classrooms, Mark also reported that Paul Haag along with a number of corporate and local farming sponsors held a combine outing day for the first grade students and donated money to the science curriculum. Michelle Jensen reported that the Deerfield Lions Club donated the use of equipment and supplies and volunteer time to host a vision screening at the elementary school. Our thanks to all of these individuals and companies for their time and talents to support our students.
- C. District Grants Update:** Michelle Jensen reported that Dane County was not awarded the School Resource Officer grant through the federal COPS program. The district has not received any word on the SOS grant at this time.
- D. Summer School Report:** There were 435 students who attended this year's summer school session. Some technology classes included digital scrapbooking and podcasting.
- E. Youth Options Requests for Spring 2011:** The District has requests submitted by three students for the upcoming Spring semester. Course availability will not be determined until the second semester registration opens on these campuses. One student may be getting close to the specified credit limit. Motion by Winkler/Fischer to approve the Youth Options Requests for Spring 2011.
- F. Transportation for Private School Students:** In accordance with the state statute, public schools must provide transportation for students residing within the school boundaries but wishing to attend a public school within five miles outside of the school boundaries. The only private school that meets this distance criteria is Utica Christian School. It is not cost effective to provide bus transportation for these students therefore we offer a travel reimbursement stipend in accordance with the state statute. Motion by Winkler/Mack to approve the three students transportation contracts to private schools. Carried 7-0.
- G. Transportation Contract for 2010-2015:** Doreen Treuden reported that she has been negotiating the bus contract with First Student. The contract offers a very low fixed percentage increase and is renegotiable in years four and five. Motion by Winkler/Steen to approve the recommendation. Carried 7-0.
- H. Youth Apprenticeship and School-to-Work Cooperation Agreement for 2010-2011:** Each year Deerfield participates in the Dane County consortium for youth apprenticeship. This coop provides a great service for high school students interested in pursuing further

education and careers in vocational fields. This is a pay for participation program. Motion by Fischer/Meinecke to approve participation in the coop. Carried 7-0.

I: Authorization of Line of Credit for Short Term Borrowing Purposes for 2010-2011:

Doreen Treuden reported that the district will once again need to short term borrow throughout the year. She received two price quotes for a declining balance line of credit for \$1,500,000. Bank of Deerfield offered a fixed rate of 3.7% and F&M State Bank of Waterloo offered a fixed rate of 3.0%. Motion by Fischer/Winkler to borrow from Bank of Deerfield. Failed 1-6. Motion by Steen/Meinecke to borrow from Farmers & Merchants. Carried 7-0.

J: Middle School Facility Study: Michelle Jensen requested that the board authorize a facility study to be completed on the current middle school space. Discussions regarding the inefficiencies and lack of adequate room space have been discussed over the years. Excel Engineering, the firm responsible for the recent remodeling project, submitted a proposal to complete the study and floor plan for \$5,000. The study would include input about space needs from the middle school staff, consideration of student enrollment and classroom needs. Motion by Winkler/Steen to approve having the study completed. Carried 7-0.

K: Request for Extracurricular Club: TREE (Tolerance Respect Equality and Education): Ms. Bazan gave an overview of what the group stands for and what it wants to accomplish and asked that the club become an official Extracurricular Club at Deerfield High School. Motion by Meinecke/Winkler to approve TREE as an official EC Club. Carried 7-0.

L: Teacher Advanced on Salary Schedule: Per the master agreement teacher advancements on the salary schedule are taken before the board in October and February. Congratulations to Kevin Clark and Cindy Perucco who have earned Masters Degrees. Motion by Meinecke/Steen to approve these lane advancements. Carried 7-0.

M: Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: Long-term Substitute – 5th grade: Motion by Winkler/Mack to approve Ed Van Ravenstein as long-term substitute for 5th grade while a teacher is on maternity leave. Carried 7-0. Motion by Winkler/Fischer to approve adding 1 hour to an existing part-time aide position in the Alternative HS program. Carried 7-0.

N: Extracurricular Staffing Resignation(s) including but not limited to: Girls Softball: Motion by Fischer/Mack to accept Barry Witkowski's resignation as Varsity Softball Coach. Carried 7-0. Motion by Fischer/Mack to accept Don Schindler's resignation as JV Girls Basketball coach. Carried 7-0.

O: Extracurricular Staffing Recommendation(s) including but not limited to: MS Boys Basketball, Freshman Girls Basketball, National Honor Society Advisor, Sophomore Class Advisor: The following people were recommended for the mentioned positions, Justin Annen – 7th Grade Boys Basketball, David Bartz – 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Robin Apold – National Honor Society Advisor, Suzanne Thuecks as Sophomore Class Advisor. Motion by Fischer/Winkler to approve Justin Annen and David Bartz for MS Boys

Basketball and Robin Apold as National Honor Society Advisor. Carried 7-0. Motion by Meinecke/Steen to approve Suzanne Thuecks as Sophomore Class Advisor. Carried 7-0.

10. School Board President's Report: Chris Page shared that he was pleased that Homecoming went well and thanked all the groups that made it a success. He reported that he attended the Dane County school board consortium meeting and the group expressed an interest in looking at school funding issues and education initiatives throughout the district. Page mentioned that Tom Beebe will present next month on "A Penny for Kids" campaign. He announced the development of a board/administration reading group that would come together monthly to discuss education topics. The first reading will be from Parker Palmer's book The Courage to Teach. The first meeting will take place Monday, November 1 from 5:30-7:30pm with a potluck dinner. Page also announced that the volleyball team won the conference championship and the tournament championship.

11. Administrative Reports:

Michelle Jensen: Michelle Jensen announced that an Open House for the newly remodeled areas in the MS/HS building was held on October 14th in conjunction with the volleyball game. The Superintendent's fall conference held in Madison in September focused on technology in schools. This conference reinforced the need to continue our efforts to increase technology in classrooms and provide wireless communication in our buildings. Jensen thanked those involved with the success of homecoming.

Doreen Treuden: Doreen shared a facility report which indicates that wide use of our buildings before and after school hours. There were 700 requests for building use between Nov. 1 and Feb. 28th.

Mark Becker: Mark Becker announced that there was 95% attendance at the conferences. Thank you to the elementary PTO for their sponsorship of the enrichment activities at the elementary school. The elementary PTO craft fair will take place on Saturday, November 13.

Brad Johnsrud: Brad Johnsrud announced that there was 44% attendance rate at conferences. Thank you to Ms. Wohlers and student council for their efforts during the Homecoming week and planning. Student email is set up for student use.

Upcoming Meetings were scheduled.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mack/Fischer to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Mack
Clerk