

Britton Deerfield Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes - 12/18/2023, 7:00 p.m.

Deerfield Media Center

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00.

Members present: Nancy Downard, Jim Frayer, Jim Mueller, Adam Roehm, Jennifer Spaulding, Yvonne Thomas.

Members absent: Matt Wynn.

Agenda

Motion by Frayer, supported by Mueller to set the agenda.

Motion adopted 6-0

Students of the Month

- Emmaline Weese
- Everly Gray
- Noah Lawrence
- Waylon Burdeaux
- Chloe Calvert
- Anthony Hassenzahl
- Sennett Mills
- Mason Trent
- Maxx Norton
- Luke Oser
- Cole Stetler
- Victoria Fraley
- Cayden Allshouse
- Ava Jones

Correspondence

- Email field on Board Contact form is currently not required:
 - Correspondence received without this information—unable to respond without this information.

- Administration will investigate options.

Motion by Thomas, supported by Frayer to approve the consent docket.

Motion adopted 6-0

Student Council

- Representatives Aubree Appleman, Caden Freeman, Victoria Fraley Kaylee Ulrich
 - Summary of holiday events, contents, spirit days, blood drive

Public Comment

- Greg Gaw
 - Raised concerns related to tax millage rates tied to 2016 bond fund
 - Requested Board Resignation
- Jennifer Grudnoski
 - Disappointed that district did not communicate millage issue to community
- Linda Wielfaert
 - Discussed performance of superintendent
 - Requested Board Resignation
- Kim Gall
 - Thankful for district and work of superintendent and Board
- Phyllis Below
 - Expressed lack of communication and transparency. Difficult to discern what is going on in open meetings.
- Doug Mayher Jr.
 - Caution against recall. Value in experience.
- Sarah Sobus
 - Questioned the superintendent's level of professionalism with online presence.

New Business

Description of timeline events related to millage rate being left off 2022 winter tax bills by Mike Gressen (bond attorney from Thrun law).

- Loan taken out to pay bond after failure to collect 2022 winter tax millage was required by law.
- Next legal requirement was to assess millage to make up the discrepancy (2022 +2023) through 2023 winter taxes.

- There was not a legal option to distribute missed millage over three remaining years of the bond
- Michigan law related to uniform taxation required immediate correction of missed millage.
- Michigan law did not allow for the millage to be assessed during the summer.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Scott Elementary/H.S.
 - Band went to Ida's festival of lights
 - 12th blood drive hosted
 - 15th Santa Shop hosted by PTO
 - Exams begin this week
 - Door decorating contest
- Mr. McAran Elementary/Middle School
 - State immunization (or waiver) requirement of 95% exceeded (96%)
 - 13 new members inducted in Junior National Honor Society
 - Drama and Readers Theatre class put on a play in front of 150 parents
 - Beekeeping club going strong

Superintendent's Report

- Thrun policy updates received and to be reviewed

Board Member Report

Yvonne Thomas - LISD dinner

Motion by Mueller supported by Frayer to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Motion adopted 6-0

Respectfully submitted,
 Secretary of the Board of Education
 Adam Roehm