

BRITTON DEERFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 8/21/2023, 7:00 p.m.
DEERFIELD MEDIA CENTER

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

Members Present: Nancy Downard, Jim Frayer, Jennifer Spaulding, Yvonne Thomas, Matt Wynn

Members Absent: Jim Mueller, Adam Roehm

Amend Agenda: Under New Business – add n. Gym in Britton

Motion by Frayer, supported by Wynn to amend the Agenda. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Wynn, supported by Thomas to set the Agenda. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, supported by Frayer to accept the consent docket. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Kim Gall interest in survey results on web page from parents & staff.

Elementary/Middle School Principal Report:

- Praised staff on well the Deerfield building looks.
- Changes to 4 block schedule from 6 block schedule.
- Addition of Spanish in Middle School, Art Appreciation and Band 5.
- 1st time in 48 years I have not had to hire a new teacher.
- Open house is on Thursday, August 24th starting @ 5:30.

Elementary/HS Principal Report:

- Building grounds look great along with the inside.
- Fall sports are in full swing.
- Schedules for students are finished, thanks to Amy Good, Jenner Delmotte and Kim Bower.
- The Las Vegas conference trip was nothing short of amazing.
- Open house is scheduled for the 24th, all are welcome.

Superintendent's Report:

- Solar panels seeking reposition at Britton. Deerfield stays the same.
- Preschool is a go. All inside inspections have passed. Playground inspection to take place on Wednesday. Cost involved – doors on classrooms and closet doors. Supt. Johnson to apply for \$50,000 start up grant for PreSchool.
- Electric buses – in Deerfield's sesquicentennial parade. Detroit Free press had coverage. Charging stations started today – all are green tagged and ready to charge and go 3 weeks from today.
- Boot system is in except for electrical.
- Postcards went out. Learned how to do direct mailing. Getting compliments.
- Deerfield's sesquicentennial went great. Community's desire to have a little something every year.
- Roof discussion – 4 different phases to take place at Britton. We have one phase done and the remaining three need to be completed. Sinking fund will cover the cost.
- Open House – Thursday in Deerfield from 5:30-7:00 and in Britton from 6:00-7:30. Letters being sent to parents who are pulling their students.

- Professional Development – LISD provided two weeks of training. Staff members were very happy to have done it this way.
- Brittany Fuqua moved west of the State. She taught ELA, yearbook & graphic design.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Wynn to approve the roof project phases 2, 3 & 4 not to exceed \$79,000. Downard, yes; Frayer, yes; Spaulding, yes; Thomas, yes; Wynn, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, supported by Spaulding to approve updated board policies. Downard, yes; Frayer, yes; Spaulding, yes; Thomas, yes; Wynn, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Wynn, supported by Thomas to approve Board Policy 5707 – School Wellness Policy and Lunch Shaming. Downard, yes; Frayer, yes; Spaulding, yes; Thomas, yes; Wynn, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Wynn to approve the Athletic Code. Exceptions he/she changed to they. Who participates on school team but plays on a traveling teams must put School sports 1st. Loss of awards if not followed. Downard, yes; Frayer, yes; Spaulding, yes; Thomas, yes; Wynn, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Erik Johnson spoke of his conference experiment and did a break out with the board members. Supt. Johnson gave her thoughts on the conference experience. “That One Kid”.

Motion by Wynn, supported by Thomas to accept Brittany Fuqua’s resignation with regret. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Thomas to approve the loan from Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund. Downard, yes; Frayer, yes; Spaulding, yes; Thomas, yes; Wynn, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Thomas to approve the existing course catalog and curriculum list for the 2023-24 school year. Existing now as Edgenuity as our virtual. Downard, yes; Frayer, yes; Spaulding, yes; Thomas, yes; Wynn, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Wynn to approve new doors not to exceed \$30,000 for the room in Deerfield for PreK. Downard, yes; Frayer, yes; Spaulding, yes; Thomas, yes; Wynn, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Wynn to approve the quote from Adrian Mechanical for \$13,812 to replace a unit ventilator in the art room in Deerfield. Downard, yes; Frayer, yes; Spaulding, yes; Thomas, yes; Wynn, yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Thomas to hire Jaiden Crots as ELA Full Year Substitute Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Wynn, supported by Frayer to hire Dena Albain for kitchen help in Deerfield. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Thomas to approve Insignia graphics in the amount of \$5,876 to do a collage in the Britton gym. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Wynn, supported by Frayer to adjourn @ 8:49 PM. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Andries, Business Manager