

Britton Deerfield Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes - 2/20/2023, 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 Downad, Jim Frayer, Jim Mueller (arrived 7:05), Adam Roehm, Jennifer Spaulding, Yvonne Thomas, Matt Wynn.

Members absent: None.

Agenda

Motion by Frayer, supported by Thomas to amend the agenda to add new item 5a solar presentation from NOVA Consultants.

Motion adopted 6-0

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

Motion adopted 6-0

Students of the Month

- Micah Welch
- Levi Fall
- Elijah Harpel
- Kingsley Geigler
- Joelle Warner
- Paige Hautamaki
- Micah Boils
- Anthony Yang
- Bradley Sharp
- Janelle Brooks
- Joseph Sherrod
- Cody Fawcett
- Liem Roe
- Hunter Kniffin

Solar Proposal

Presentation from NOVA Consultants - Novi, MI.

Consent Docket

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

Motion adopted 7-0

Student Council

- Update presented by representatives: Olivia Guenther, Caden Kubacki, Jameson Watson
- Winterfest held last week - theme was Kindness
- Elementary Dance Off held
- 10th grade dance held - upbeat, good behavior
- Looking forward to spring community service projects:
 - Field day
 - Flower planting
 - Food bags for elementary students
 - Request for community service ideas from the Board
 - Support with flowers and flags for Memorial Day
 - Deerfield - August sesquicentennial celebration

Principal's Report

- Upper Elementary - Mr. McAran
 - 2/16 staff professional development held
 - Focused on the challenges in public education
 - Presentation on classroom management
 - Recent water line breaks in the art room
 - Middle school student council organized a dance on 2/10
 - Badminton tournament held
 - Robotics club - video of student made/programmed robots at competition shared
 - 6 robots built
 - Working to establish ongoing club for remainder of school year
- Lower Elementary/High School - Mr. Scott
 - Valedictorian - Claire Molnar

- Salutatorian - Kaitlyn Goody
- Pep assembly and Winterfest dance held
- Chromebook and iPad carts delivered to classrooms
- Band concert on 2/22, 7:00 p.m. @ Britton
- County Spelling Bee 2/23, 7:00 p.m. @ Britton
- 3/9 - Reading Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m. @ Britton
- 3/9 Kindergarten round up

Superintendent's Report

- Solar proposals heard from three bidding companies
 - Utopian Power
 - Brewer-Garrett
 - NOVA Consultants
- Visited another district today and test drove electric buses
 - Recommend moving forward with purchase of electric buses using grant funding
 - Battery packs warranted for 8 years
 - Funding enough for 3 buses with cameras, fully equipped except no AC
 - Grant purchase payment required by 4/28
 - Need electrical infrastructure viability confirmation from both villages and Consumers
- January was Board appreciation month. Gifts received from the administration team.
- Boot system installation ahead of schedule, First fully functional drill expected around Thanksgiving 2023.
- LED lights installed in Deerfield Media Center
- Policy committee meeting needed
- Any Board concerns regarding library materials
 - Policy committee review recommended
- Bowling team won TCC championship
 - Mason Coolihan won overall tournament
- Hosting girls basketball district tournament, regional bowling tournament, and middle school girls basketball tournament
- Tractor/mower for the Britton fields in bad condition. Quotes for repairs came back high - ~\$8,000
 - Board approval for repairs sought up to a threshold
 - Additional quotes being requested
- Superintendent office desk (composite) falling apart and flooring

- Will explore repair, replacement options
- Innovative Schools Summit - July 5-9
 - Administration professional development conference

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

4-8 Policy Committee meeting (9-10a.m.) and Board Workshop (10-12)

Recommendation from Building/Site Committee (Frayer, Roehm) to move forward with solar proposal from Brewer-Garrett.

Motion by Spaulding, supported by Thomas to move forward with Brewer-Garrett solar proposal for seeking investors and initial design.

Vote: Downard: Yes, Frayer: Yes, Mueller: Yes, Roehm: Yes, Spaulding: Yes, Thomas: Yes, Wynn: Yes

Motion adopted 7-0

New Business

Motion by Frayer, supported by Roehm to approve pursuing Britton tractor/mower repair up to \$8,000.

Vote: Downard: Yes, Frayer: Yes, Mueller: Yes, Roehm: Yes, Spaulding: Yes, Thomas: Yes, Wynn: Yes

Motion adopted 7-0

Superintendent evaluation cycle with evaluation conducted in November will remain the same.

Motion by Wynn supported by Mueller to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Motion adopted 7-0

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary of the Board of Education
Adam Roehm