Britton Deerfield Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes - 9/21/2026, 7:00 p.m.

Britton Media Center

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by president Thomas at 7:00 p.m.
Members present: Jim Frayer, Jim Mueller, Adam Roehm, Jennifer Spaulding, Yvonne Thomas.
Members absent: Jordyn Bunker, Matt Wynn.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Mueller to amend the agenda to add item F under new business for additional bus lease.
Motion adopted 5-0

Motion by Frayer, supported by Spaulding to accept the agenda as amended.
Motion adopted 5-0

Motion by Spaulding, supported by Frayer to approve the consent docket.
Motion adopted 5-0

Student Council

- Deegan Merkel provided updates on Homecoming and spirit week planning.

Elementary Principal's Report

- Kelly Bush replaced Amy McAran as PBIS Coordinator.
- The start of the school year and associated assemblies went well.
    - 90% of students had someone attend the open house.
- An assembly that includes grandparents is being planned.
- All students in Kindergarten will be screened by our speech specialist.

MS/HS Report

- Mr. Raft returned. Updates provided by Mrs. Johnson.
- First emergency drills conducted. The Boot company is coming out 9/23 to address a few issues identified.
- Cell phone policy is being enforced with only a few issues.

Superintendent's Report

- Kids seem to be trying harder on standardized tests as a result of teachers explaining their importance along with incentives.
- First District Improvement Team meeting held last Wednesday. Discussed opportunities to improve end-of-year surveys and adjusted survey questions. Plan to send surveys in

the fall to try to improve participation and allow time to implement changes based on results.
- The School Board is planning community informational meetings related to the proposed sinking fund. Tentative locations/times:
    - 9/29 @ Britton fire hall from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
    - 10/5 @ Deerfield village hall from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Board Report

- President Thomas will attend the 10/15-10/17 MASB conference in Lansing.
- Update from Gibson (Business Office) that MESSA rates are increasing 8.31% next year.

Public Comment

- None.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

Motion by Spaulding, supported by Roehm to approve the resolution for policy updates as presented.
Motion adopted 5-0

Motion by Frayer, supported by Mueller to approve expenditure of $26,500 with Iott Electric to update bus charging infrastructure. Expenditure will be reimbursed by already obtained grant money.
Vote: Frayer: Yes, Mueller: Yes, Roehm: Yes, Spaulding: Yes, Thomas: Yes.
Motion adopted 5-0

Motion by Frayer, supported by Roehm to approve expenditure of $15,652 with Consumers Energy to upgrade all lights in both buildings. Britton is expected to recoup savings in .68 years and Deerfield in 1.14 years. Annual expected savings for Britton is 22k+ and 14k+ for Deerfield.
Vote: Frayer: Yes, Mueller: Yes, Roehm: Yes, Spaulding: Yes, Thomas: Yes.
Motion adopted 5-0

Communication continues with Brewer-Garrett regarding progress on the solar project. Goal is to still break ground before the end of 2026.

Motion by Frayer, supported by Mueller to approve the new 4-year teachers' contract as presented.
Vote: Frayer: Yes, Mueller: Yes, Roehm: Yes, Spaulding: Yes, Thomas: Yes.
Motion adopted 5-0

Motion by Frayer, supported by Spaulding to approve a $9,995 bus lease from the International Company through July 1, 2027.
Vote: Frayer: Yes, Mueller: Yes, Roehm: Yes, Spaulding: Yes, Thomas: Yes.
Motion adopted 5-0

Motion by Mueller, supported by Spaulding to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.
Motion adopted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary of the Board of Education
Adam Roehm