

School District of Brown Deer - Brown Deer, Wisconsin
Board of Education Resolution
February 24, 2015

Mission

Together with our families and community, we will inspire students to be passionate learners, creative thinkers and innovative leaders who enrich our world.

Vision

Aspiring to become a world-class school district.

Values and Beliefs

All students deserve a quality education.

All students deserve a safe learning environment based on mutual respect.

Our students will experience a dynamic, challenging, and technology-infused curriculum, enhanced with the arts and extra-curricular activities.

Collaboration among staff, students, parents and community will result in measurable student success.

Brown Deer is a community that embraces cultural diversity and values inclusion.

WHEREAS, Governor Walker has proposed a **\$150 decrease** in per pupil aid in public school funding for 2015-16;

WHEREAS, this results in **\$228,150 decrease to per pupil aid** to the School District of Brown Deer;

WHEREAS consistent per pupil aid is the most useful aid to schools, since it does not depend on the revenue cap or the local tax levy;

WHEREAS, the Brown Deer School District has made great progress in closing the achievement gap in one of the most diverse districts in the state, utilized the Governor's tools to reduce property taxes for the citizens of Brown Deer, and yet successfully passed a \$22M referendum project in the worst economic recession in seventy years;

WHEREAS we invest our funds in quality education for our students which in turn produces a much better educated workforce;

WHEREAS, schools took the brunt of the cuts to the state budget in tough recession times;

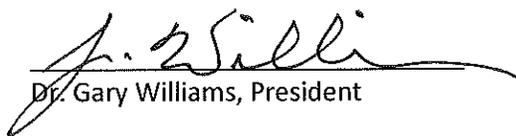
WHEREAS, Wisconsin schools have permanently eliminated certain costs pertaining to retirement payments and have systematically explored and implemented numerous other options for running on a leaner basis,

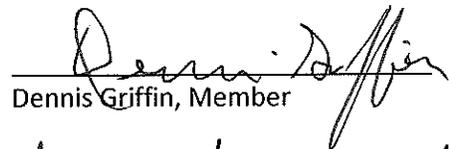
WHEREAS, the \$150 decrease per student would make it very difficult to fund the 15-16 school year at the correct level for continued student growth; and

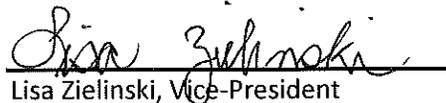
WHEREAS, the Wisconsin economic situation is improving and it is time to allow schools some additional resources for those costs which they cannot control or eliminate, and which they need in order to do a high caliber job of educating Wisconsin public school students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of Brown Deer Board of Education strongly encourages the Governor and State Legislature to revise the Governor's budget **to restore per pupil aid for 2015-16 and maintain the Governor's budgeted allocation for per pupil aid in 2016-17.**

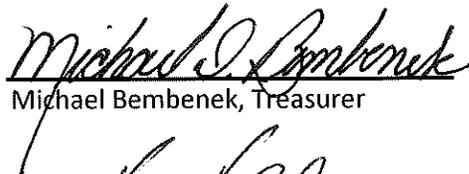
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Education for the School District of Brown Deer, have executed this resolution this 24th day of February, 2015.


Dr. Gary Williams, President


Dennis Griffin, Member


Lisa Zielinski, Vice-President


Leslie Galloway Sherard, Member


Michael Bembenek, Treasurer


Michelle Schofield, Member


Kevin Klimek, Board Clerk