Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Proceedings

March 22, 2021

A special meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center. President, Chad Prieve, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Marge Jorgensen, Tony Klatt, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: None.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, reviewed the district's mission and vision statements and the meeting objective to reflect on current equity work, review data, affirm collective definitions, expand learning together and understand the work, and reground in the strategic plan.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, reviewed district data by race and socio-economic status in the areas of math and English Language Arts achievement, graduation, drop-out, and absenteeism rates. The district is trying to close the achievement gap by improving instruction and opportunities. He shared the definition of educational equity as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. He reviewed the principles of equity in education and the action items worked on in 2020-21 and moving forward for 2021-22 and 2022-23. The partnership with the City of Beaver Dam continues to grow. The current non-negotiables were reviewed that provide a framework for equity as the district makes decisions. He explained how the equity work is connected to the district's strategic plan.

Board members read and discussed an article focused on equity efforts and reflected on what they can do to support educational equity in the district.

Beal-Loeck moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

/s/ Chad Prieve, President

<u>/s/</u> Marge Jorgensen, Clerk