

**Beaver Dam Unified School District  
Board of Education Proceedings**

**January 9, 2023**

The regular 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 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Isaac Dornfeld, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Maria Mason, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: None.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 12, 2022, and special meeting on December 19, 2022, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

Mr. Kraus, at the request of the President, announced the board may recess into closed session per Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to discuss specific employees and employee groups. The board will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

Jorgensen moved, Kraus seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wilson, Washington Elementary School Principal, presented the School of the Month report. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus sang the Washington Elementary School song. Mr. Wilson reported on Washington's School Success Plan goals and objectives. He shared professional development information and school and family activities. Mrs. Meyers, Grade 1 Teacher, reported on Social and Emotional Learning activities. Mrs. Vessey, School Counselor, reported on the student leaders group and students leaders shared how long they have been in the group and which activity they enjoyed the most. Mr. Wilson expressed his pride in the students and staff and shared what they will continue to work on.

Ms. Sponholz, Director of Student Services, presented a recommendation for space availability for new open enrollment students for the 2023-24 school year. She reviewed the space availability for regular education, which includes 25 for grade 4K, 50 for kindergarten, 50 for grade 1, 40 for grade 2, 40 for grade 3, 30 for grade 4, 30 for grade 5, 40 for grade 6, 25 for grade 7, 15 for grade 8, 30 for grade 9, 15 for grade 10, 10 for grade 11, and 0 for grade 12. She reported there is no space available for new open enrollment special education students due to caseload and enrollment projections.

Tyjeski moved, Dornfeld seconded, to approve the space availability for new open enrollment applicants for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

There was no report from the Board of Education Student Representative due to absence.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported that the committee did not meet and the next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2023.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee chair, reported that the committee did not meet and the next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2023.

Mr. Prieve provided a summary of the 5-year facility plan workshop that was conducted to provide board members with a better understanding of long-term projects relating to capital projects associated with the Middle School, Washington and Wilson Elementary Schools.

Mr. Woreck, District Facilities and Safety Officer, presented a list of proposed projects for Summer 2023 with a targeted cost of \$600,000. The list included roofing at the High School and Middle School, HVAC at Jefferson Elementary School, and an updated fire alarm system at Lincoln or Prairie View Elementary School. He requested the authority to complete targeted parking lot maintenance and improvements up to \$100,000 using funds that may be identified in the Spring and also to perform up to \$100,000 in HVAC replacement/updates to Prairie View Elementary School dependent on budget realities that may be clarified later in the summer. He reviewed other projects that have previously been discussed and that are part of the 5-year facility plan. These projects include high school auditorium upgrades and stadium and softball field lighting. These areas have high community use, but the projects are on hold due to budget concerns.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the list of Summer 2023 projects as presented.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Jorgensen, Kraus, Kuntz, Mason, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, and Dornfeld.

Mr. Kraus requested board members provide him feedback or comments on the WASB 2023 proposed resolutions prior to the WASB Delegate meeting.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in over the past month.

Board members recognized Taher for their Kids in the Kitchen activity where students learn kitchen skills and make treats for the board's coffee chats. They recognized the School Resource Officers for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and the crossing guards for Crossing Guard Recognition Week. They also recognized the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Jefferson for making blankets for charity.

Mr. DiStefano recognized the staff and parents who participate on the district's advisory teams and the music department students and staff who have been nominated for Jerry Awards sponsored by the Overture Center for their roles in the high school fall musical.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, the board recess into closed session per Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to discuss specific employees and employee groups.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Kraus, Kuntz, Mason, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, and Jorgensen. No - None.

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees and employee groups. No action was taken during closed session.

Jorgensen moved, Tyjeski seconded, to reconvene into open session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following retirements: Mary Klawitter-Principal-Jefferson Elementary School (Retirement effective 6/30/23) and Jennifer White-Kindergarten Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2022-23 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Board members thanked Mrs. Klawitter and Mrs. White for their service.

There were no leave of absence requests.

Panzer moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the following appointments: Alicia Bishop-Grade 3 Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTS 3/28/23-end of 2022-23 school year); Tammy Bussewitz-Special Education Teacher-Middle School; and Michele Schneider-Art Teacher-High School (LTE 1/11/23-end of the 2022-23 school year).

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Kuntz, Mason, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Jorgensen, and Kraus. No - None.

Mr. DiStefano presented administrator contracts for applicable administrators scheduled for renewal for 2023-2025.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, the board approve administrator contracts for 2023-2025 for applicable administrators whose contracts expire in 2023.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Mason, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Jorgensen, Kraus, and Kuntz. No-None.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #499, #500, and #501) for District Credit Card, District Insurances, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, Payroll Related Voucher, Wisconsin Retirement System, and VOIDS/Re-Issue Checks for a total of \$3,411,927.51. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Jorgensen, Kraus, Kuntz, and Mason. No - None.

Kuntz moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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*Chad Prieve, President*

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*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*