

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

**October 23, 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., Maria Mason, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Mary Kuntz.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 18, 2023, and special meeting on September 25, 2023, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Krause, Principal, and Mrs. Dwyer, Associate Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Prairie View Elementary School. They reported on enrollment, trend and achievement data, their School Success Plan and action steps. They shared a list of practices related to the ideal lesson and ideal school environment for Prairie View Elementary.

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal, presented the Early College Credit Program requests for the Spring semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Early College Credit Program requests for the Spring semester of the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

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

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, presented donations for acceptance. Reed Chrysler made a donation in the amount of \$2,500 to be used to support student services organizations/groups that are involved in providing community outreach. A family in the district donated an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device valued at approximately \$7,000.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to accept the donations as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve introduced Graciela Espinoza as the Board of Education Student Representative.

Ms. Espinoza introduced herself and reported on the activities of High School service organizations and Student Council, and also on Middle School Student Council activities.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee met on October 16 and received an update on the 2023-2024 budget that was presented at the Annual Budget Hearing. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching & Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on October 16 and received updates on High School course credit options, the curriculum review cycle for 2023-2024, and the Achievement Reduction Gap (AGR) fall report. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in.

Board members thanked teachers for the time they spent with parents during parent-teacher conferences. They acknowledged the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation Education Fund for awarding \$12,000 for classroom and school projects. They also thanked the City of Beaver Dam for designating \$50,000 of their ARPA funds to the district for child care efforts. They expressed their appreciation to administration for their time and effort to help board members better understand district information.

Mr. DiStefano thanked families and staff for successful Parent-Teacher Conferences. He recognized Mackenna Nelson for her participation in the State Golf Tournament and Mila Westra for qualifying for the State Cross Country competition. He announced the BDHS Fall Musical is November 9-13, the Sekel Scrimmage is November 7, and the district's Annual Food Drive will be November 13-17.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, the board recess into closed session per pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(c) considering 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 the evaluation of the superintendent.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Kraus, Mason, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman Tyjeski, Dornfeld, and Jorgensen. Nay-None.

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees and the superintendent's evaluation.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Mackenzie Chitko-Agriculture/Technology Education Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 3/29/23-end of the 2023-24 school year); Jeni Tesch-Special Education Teacher-Washington Elementary School (Medical Leave 4/27/24 – end of the 2023-24 school year); and Nate Wilke-School Counselor-High School (Medical Leave 10/30/23-11/13/23).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointment: Lisa Schleicher-Special Education Teacher-High School (LTS 10/23/23-11/20/23 and 1/23/24-2/15/24).

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Mason, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Jorgensen, and Kraus. Nay-None.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, the Board of Education of the Beaver Dam Unified School District hereby adopt the 2023-2024 original budget, including Fund 10 general operations revenues totaling \$46,533,335 and expenditures totaling \$46,434,335 as presented, as the official District budget for the school year.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Jorgensen, Kraus, and Mason. Nay-None.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, the Board of Education of the Beaver Dam Unified School District hereby adopt, certify, and impose a school tax levy of \$17,959,497 upon all real taxable property within the Beaver Dam Unified School District.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Jorgensen, Kraus, Mason, and Panzer. Nay-None.

Mr. DiStefano presented the first reading of board policy updates from Neola and reviewed by administration. They will be presented for final reading at the November monthly business meeting.

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #536, #537, #538, and #539) for Net Payroll, Paper Check, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, AXA Roth, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Health Savings Account (District), Met Life, Sec Benefit Life, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, ACH File, District Insurances, AmerFunds, Checking, Net Regular Payroll, Net Coaches Payroll, and Net PPS Payroll for a total of \$5,091,019.35. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Spielman, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Jorgensen, Kraus, Mason, Panzer, and Prieve. Nay-None.

Jorgensen moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

/s/  
*Chad Prieve, President*

/s/  
*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*