

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

October 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at Beaver Dam Middle School. President, Chad Prieve, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Gary Spielman.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 20, 2021, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve introduced Board of Education Student Representative Sadie De Vries.

Mr. Prieve read the requirements of public comment. Individuals spoke regarding mask requirements.

Kraus moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, provided an update on the Return to Learn Plan. He reported that the district meets weekly with the Dodge County Health Department and reviewed the COVID-19 metrics and data related to cases in district boundaries. He said there are no significant changes to guidance updates from the CDC, AAP, DHS or DPI and reviewed the current guidance. He reviewed COVID activity specific to the district and other Dodge County school districts.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, that masking move to a highly recommended but optional status in the Beaver Dam Unified School District beginning immediately.

The motion failed by the following vote: Aye – Kraus, Prieve, and Tyjeski. Nay- Jorgensen, Kuntz, Panzer, and Beal-Loeck.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, that effective immediately have a highly recommended but optional masking requirement for High School, Middle School, and all other ESC buildings, which includes everything except elementary schools, which masks will be required, including the 4K program.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Kraus, Prieve, Tyjeski, and Beal-Loeck. Nay- Kuntz, Panzer, and Jorgensen.

Mr. Loss, Middle School Principal, along with Mr. Twohig, Ms. Bolan, and Ms. Letkewicz

presented the School of the Month report for the Middle School. They shared school demographic data along with their School Success Plan and the action steps they are utilizing to accomplish their plan goals. They also shared information about student connectedness, athletic and activity participation, school culture, and engagement connectedness.

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal presented the Start College Now Program requests for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the Start College Now Program requests for Spring 2022 as presented.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Kuntz, Panzer, Prieve, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, Jorgensen, and Kraus. Nay-None.

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, provided an update on transportation. She reported on the transition to Badger Bus and explained their system is able to integrate with Skyward, which makes it easier to set up new students for transportation and for parents to see their child's pick up and drop off times. She said there are enough drivers for the daily routes, but there aren't enough for athletic events and activities, which has led to having to use Badger Bus's coach buses and drivers. The district is working with them on a possible two-way communication system to use with parents to provide route information and updates.

Board members recognized the FFA students for the great job they did with the Pork Chop dinner and thanked the Middle School for hosting the School of the Month Coffee Chat. They also thanked substitute staff, bus drivers, and food service workers for choosing to work in the district.

Mr. DiStefano thanked staff and families for engagement in parent/teacher conferences and developing relationships that are important. He shared that Cross-Country members are state bound and said that preparations are underway for the 2nd Annual Sekel Scrimmage 2nd with the Unified Sports Team.

Mr. Prieve introduced Sadie DeVries again and said she will serve as the Board of Education Student Representative for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. DeVries provided the student representative report. She introduced herself and provided her background. She reported on Homecoming activities and shared that the Middle School had their first pep assembly for homecoming that included student recognitions. She encouraged everyone to attend the Sekel Scrimmage at the High School.

Ms. Tyjeski, Operations Committee member, reported that the committee met on September 27 and October 18 and received an update on the completion of summer projects at each school building, an update on the budget and ESSER funds. They also received information about options for replacing the exterior of the ESC North. Due to board workshops in November and December, the next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2022.

The committee also discussed the addition of a School Resource Officer for the elementary schools to provide supports and services. The position will be shared with the City of Beaver Dam and the Officer will spend 60% of their time in the schools and 40% of their time serving as a Police

Officer for the Beaver Dam Police Department. The cost will be shared with the City. The cost to the district is approximately \$59,000.

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the addition of a 60% School Resource Officer for supports and services at the elementary schools with the cost to be shared with the City of Beaver Dam.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Panzer, Prieve, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, Jorgensen, Kraus, and Kuntz. Nay-None.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on September 27 and October 11 and received an update on the district's Virtual School and a report on the Achievement Gap Reduction program. They also received an update on the district's At-Risk programming and new High School course proposals for the 2022-2023 school year. New course proposals include a Social Studies 0.5 credit course elective, Street Law, for grades 10-12, a 0.5 credit English course offered for college credit as an alternative to English 11 B, and a 1.0 College Mathematics elective course for grade 12 that is a transcribed course with MPTC. Due to board workshops in November and December, the next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2022.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the 3 new high school course proposals for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

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

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following resignation/retirement: Scharleen Searvogel-Custodian-Middle School (Retirement effective 1/3/22) and Abigail Weinert-Special Education Teacher-High School (Resignation effective 11/9/21).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following leave of absence: Mackenzie McNutt-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 3/21/22-end of the 2021-22 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following appointments: Tom Bock-Substitute Teacher-High School (LTE); Dawn DiNicola-Special Education Teacher-High School; Bobbi Jo Helgemoe-Substitute Teacher-Middle School (LTE); and Angela Van Heesch-Special Education Teacher-Wilson Elementary School.

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

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, the Board of Education of the Beaver Dam Unified School District hereby adopt the 2021-2022 original budget, including Fund 10 general operations

revenues totaling \$41,816,368.55 and expenditures totaling \$41,775,223.61, as presented, as the official District budget for the school year.

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

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, the Board of Education of the Beaver Dam Unified School District hereby adopt, certify, and impose a school tax levy of \$16,542,049 upon all real taxable property within the Beaver Dam Unified School District.

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

Mr. DiStefano presented policy revisions recommended by NEOLA for final reading.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adopt the board policy updates as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #437, #438, #439, #440, #441, #442, and #443) for Manual Check-American Bank, Manual Check AT&T, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, WEA TSA, DOR, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, Insurances, and Health Savings Account (District) for a total of \$5,319,420.27. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

/s/

Chad Prieve, President

/s/

Marge Jorgensen, Clerk