

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

**October 26, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at Beaver Dam High School. President, Chad Prieve, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Marge Jorgensen, Tony Klatt, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: None.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 14, 2020, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Lerwick moved, Spielman seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors. He introduced Abigail Doyle as the Student Representative to the Board of Education.

Ms. Klawitter, Jefferson Elementary School Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Jefferson Elementary School. She reported the transition with South Beaver Dam Elementary School went very well and the schools have blended nicely. She provided a photo tour of the renovated areas, including the security upgrades. She reported on their School Success Plan and Professional Learning Community Collaboration process. MPTC selected Jefferson Elementary last year for a partnership program to receive new books focused on diversity and inclusion and they will donate guided reading books this year.

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal presented the Early College Credit Program requests for the 2020-2021 school year first semester.

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the Early College Credit Program requests as presented.

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

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, provided an update on the Return to School plan for 2020-2021. The district is currently in Option B of the plan and Dodge County remains in phase 1. Based on the plan, grades 4K-5 remain in person and grade 6 has been changed to hybrid. The district continues to respond to active COVID-19 cases that impact the district. He provided an update on athletics and activities. Some schools in the Badger Conference are hoping to participate in a winter season since there will be no alternative sports season for winter sports. The High School will attempt to have a winter sports season in guidance with the WIAA Safety Guidelines and the Health Department. Middle School sports is on hold for now due to their conference structure. He reported on staff absence rates and sub

fill rates in comparison to previous years. There is a pro-active strategy to prioritize maintaining in person instruction for grades 4K-5. Secondary schedule details continue to be reviewed for ways to better support hybrid and virtual learners. There is an opportunity to use the week of Thanksgiving for another break to virtual if necessary. The district continues to review the viability of facility use for outside groups. He requested that the board support the continuation of Option B of the Return to School Plan and the inclusion of grade 6 in that option for an indefinite period of time and the board support an effort to hold the High School winter sports season in accordance with WIAA safety guidelines and other measures identified by the Dodge County Health Department.

Tyjeski moved, Lerwick seconded, to support the Return to School Plan as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Board members recognized the FFA on their successful drive up pork chop dinner fundraiser and the FFA students honored at a small awards ceremony.

Mr. DiStefano recognized Gavin Czarnecki and Makenzi Gritzmacher for qualifying for the WIAA State Cross Country Meet. Mr. Kraus and Ms. Lerwick were recognized for achieving Award Level 3 for participation in the Wisconsin Association of School Boards professional development program.

Mr. Prieve explained that a student representative was added to the board to provide students with an equal voice.

Ms. Doyle provided the student representative report. She introduced herself and provided her background. She reported on how hybrid learning is working with both the in-person and virtual class time. Student clubs and organizations are finding COVID friendly ways to work together, whether with virtual or socially distanced meetings. The High School is doing their best to provide the same opportunities to students as in the past.

Ms. Beal Loeck, Operations Committee, reported the committee met on September 21 and October 19. In September, the committee received an update on building and maintenance projects and the 2020-21 budget. In October, they received an update on the 2020-21 budget, a report on bus transportation, and snow removal bid information. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 23.

Beal-Loeck moved, Jorgensen seconded, to award the 2020-2021 snow removal contracts to Griswold Excavating for parking lots, playgrounds, and sidewalks at Prairie View, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Washington Elementary Schools, the Middle School, and the High School parking lots; and Johnnies 66 for ESC, DSLA/Maintenance parking lots and Wilson Elementary School parking lot, playground, and sidewalks. Both contracts include salt procurement and application.

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

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chairperson, reported the committee met on September 21 and October 12. In September, the committee received the Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) fall report. In October, they received an update on the curriculum review cycle, a report on School Perception student, staff, and family survey results from 2019-20, and waiver requirements. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 16.

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

Panzer moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the following resignations and retirement: Bridgette Black-Special Education Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective 9/28/20); Catherine Reiersen-Social Worker-Lincoln Elementary School (Resignation effective 10/21/20); and Deb Stange-Special Education Teacher Assistant-High School (Retirement effective 12/23/20).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Robyn Mooney-Grade 7 Science Teacher-Middle School (Medical Leave 3/8/21-6/1/21) and Tim Winker-Math Teacher-High School (Family Leave 12/14/20-1/3/21).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Stephanie Cochrane-Grade 1 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School; Mary Kelroy-Skelton-Social Worker-Lincoln Elementary School (LTS 10/26/20-1/14/21); and Mary Meyer-Physical Education Teacher-Middle School (LTS 11/20/20- 1/15/21).

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

Beal-Loeck moved, Jorgensen seconded, the Board of Education of the Beaver Dam Unified School District hereby adopt the 2020-2021 original budget, including Fund 10 general operations revenues totaling \$40,819,970.55 and expenditures totaling \$40,796,106.17, as presented, as the official District budget for the school year.

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

Beal-Loeck moved, Kraus seconded, the Board of Education of the Beaver Dam Unified School District hereby adopt, certify, and impose a school tax levy of \$16,520,720 upon all real taxable property within the Beaver Dam Unified School District.

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

Jorgensen moved, Klatt seconded, that Nicole White be named as a Compliance Officer in place of Michael Nault and Robert Meyer be named as Compliance Officer in place of Anne-Marie Malkovich in board policies 1422, 3122, 4122, 1623, 3123, 4123, 1662, 3362, 4362, 2260, 2260.01, and 5517.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #383, #384, #385, #386, and #387) for District Insurance (LTD, Life), ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, Health Savings Account (District), Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, and District Insurances for a total of \$6,902,998.50. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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*Chad Prieve, President*

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*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*