

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

**October 28, 2024**

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, Mr. Prieve, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Isaac Dornfeld, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Maria Mason and Heather Scholz.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 16 and the special meeting on October 21, 2024, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

Jorgensen moved, Tyjeski 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 for Washington Elementary School, which included a performance from the grade 5 choir students. He provided an overview of their School Success Plan goals and reported on each objective. He reviewed the social emotional learning focus areas, and school activities and events.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, provided an update on the School Resource Officer program. He shared background information of the program and explained there is one officer assigned to each grade level. Officer Edwards is at the elementary level, Officer Strachota is at the Middle School, and Officer Karel is at the High School. Each of them highlighted activities and programs they have initiated in the schools and their involvement with students. Board members thanked them for their efforts.

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal, presented the Early College Credit Program requests for the Spring semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Early College Credit Program requests for the Spring semester of the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

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

Mr. DiStefano presented a donation from Ms. Lynne Whaley-Welty in the amount of \$2,500 to apply to students who are unable to pay lunch debts due to hardships.

Tyjeski moved, Dornfeld seconded, to accept the donation as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Max Luedtke was introduced and welcomed as the Board of Education Student Representative for the 2024-2025 school year. He reported on Homecoming activities, the success of the High School football team, McKenna Nelson, Girls State Golf Champion, the High School Guiding Coalition starting a student of the month program, and FFA students at the FFA National Convention where Owen Hemling placed 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally for his FFA agriscience research project.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee met on September 23 and October 21. In September, they received updates on 2024 Summer Projects, project financials, and the 5-year facility plan. In October, they received an update on the 2024-2025 budget. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2025.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching & Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on September 23 and October 21. In September, they received an update on the implementation of Act 20. In October, they received the Achievement Reduction Gap (AGR) fall report. They also received information for a High School Course proposal to add a Principles of Officiating and Coaching course to Physical Education. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2025.

Mr. Prieve reminded board members of the board workshop on November 18.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in since the last board meeting.

Board members thanked community members who attended the facilities referendum community information sessions, Good Karma for their radio interviews, and those who shared the message about the referendum. They thanked the veterans who gave an American Flag lesson to the students at Washington Elementary School. They also recognized the football team and girls golf team on their success and the several student organizations and students involved in the Beaver Dam Fall Fest.

Mr. DiStefano recognized Bus Safety Week and all the drivers who keep students safe, School Lunch Week and Taher employees and guest lunch servers, and he also thanked Red Ribbon Week participants. He announced the High School Musical, Les Miserables, is November 7-10 and that Brandon Krause, Prairie View Elementary School Principal was named Wisconsin Instructional Leader of the Year.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, the board recess into closed session 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, Kuntz, Panzer, Prieve, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, and Jorgensen. No - None.

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

Kraus moved, Kuntz seconded, to reconvene into open session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following resignation and retirements: Molly Houlihan-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Resignation effective 11/27/24); Shelly

Stelsel-Math Teacher-Middle School (Retirement effective end of the 2024-25 school year); and James (Fred) Witter-Custodian-Lincoln Elementary School (Retirement effective 1/21/25).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointment: Candie Douglas-Music Teacher-Middle School (LTS (.50%) 11/24/24-1/10/25).

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

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, the Board of Education of the Beaver Dam Unified School District hereby adopt the 2024-2025 original budget, including Fund 10 general operations revenues totaling \$43,575,525 and expenditures totaling \$43,575,525 as presented, as the official District budget for the school year.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Panzer, Prieve, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Jorgensen, Kraus, and Kuntz. 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 \$18,083,606 upon all real taxable property within the Beaver Dam Unified School District.

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

Jorgensen moved, Kraus seconded, to appoint Joanne Tyjeski, Mark DiStefano, and Michelle Falkinham to serve as the board of canvassers for the November general election with Marge Jorgensen as the alternate.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #588, #589, #590, #591, #592, and #593) for ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, AXA Roth, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Health Savings Account (District Benefit), Sec Benefit Life, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, and District Insurances for a total of \$6,467,559.99. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Kraus moved, Kuntz seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

/s/

Chad Prieve, President

/s/

Marge Jorgensen, Clerk