

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

**November 8, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at Beaver Dam High School. Vice-President, John Kraus, Jr., 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, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Chad Prieve.

Mr. Kraus led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 25, 2021, and the special meetings on October 25 and November 1, 2021, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kraus welcomed visitors.

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

Ms. Beal-Loeck, at the request of the President, announced the board may recess into closed session per 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. The board will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

Jorgensen 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 continues to meet weekly with the Dodge County Health Department and monitor district boundary reports. There are no significant changes to guidance updates from the CDC, AAP, DHS or DPI. He provided an update on current COVID-19 metrics, including specific realities related to the district and other area school districts.

Ms. Bates, Lincoln Elementary School Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Lincoln Elementary School. She shared their School Success Plan and the action steps they are using to accomplish their plan goals. She also shared student assessment data, information on activities to promote family and student connectedness, and goal progress.

Board members recognized all of the veterans in the community and the High School National Honor Society for hosting a Veterans Day Program. They recognized and thanked all who applied for the board vacancy.

Mr. DiStefano announced that the High School Musical Fiddler on the Roof starts on November 11 and a total of 57 students and 17 adults are part of the production. The Middle School First Lego League Megaminds placed first in their region and will participate in Sectionals in December. They also received the Champion Award. He thanked Ms. Hemling, Advisor, and parent volunteers involved with the team. He thanked board and staff for all their work this year and transitioning back to all in-person and all substitute staff. He gave a special thanks to the nursing staff who continue to navigate health dynamics.

Ms. DeVries, Board of Education Student Representative, reported that the High School Musical runs from November 11-14 and tickets can be purchased online. The Key Club sponsored blood drive and had good turnout. The high school may receive scholarship money if they have successful blood drives. Student organizations will host two more this school year and the public is welcome. The Sekel Scrimmage was a great success. There was a lot of school involvement and it was a good experience. The Veterans Day ceremony will be at the High School at 9 am on November 11. All veterans in the community are welcome to attend.

Ms. Jorgensen, Board Clerk, announced there are four seats up for election on April 5, 2022. The incumbents are Bev Beal-Loeck, Mary Kuntz, and Chad Prieve. Three of the seats are for a 3-year term and one is for a 1-year term. The term for the vacancy filled in February was until the April 2023, and the term for the current vacancy expires with the April 2022 election. The candidate who receives the lowest number of votes will receive the 1-year term. If any of the incumbents do not intend to run for re-election, they need to file non-candidacy papers by 5:00 p.m. on December 24, 2021. Incumbents and any members of the public seeking election need to file candidacy papers by 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2022.

Ms. Tyjeski, Operations Committee member, reported that the committee did not meet.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet.

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

Mr. Kraus explained the process of appointing a new board member to fill the current vacancy. The new board member will serve through April 2022. Six community members expressed interest and interviews were conducted on November 1. He explained the appointment will be a two-part process with the board selecting two candidates and then they will vote for one of the two top finalists.

Mr. Kraus explained the potential for a tie or non-majority vote and that the board will need to agree on the number of times the board will vote in the event of a tie or non-majority vote before determining the board was unable to make a decision, at which point the Board President will make the appointment.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, that in recognition of the possibility of a tie vote, the board conduct up to two rounds of voting to determine the seat appointment for the vacant position and in so doing the board recognizes that if a majority vote is not obtained, the decision moves to appointment by the Board President.

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

Jerrold Lunde and Maria Mason were selected by signed ballot vote as the two finalists.

Maria Mason was selected as the new board member by majority vote of signed ballots.

Mr. Kraus congratulated Ms. Mason and said she will begin service on December 13.

Beal-Loeck moved, Jorgensen seconded, the board recess into closed session per 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. The board will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

There were no resignations, retirements, or leaves of absence requests.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointment: Katherine Holsapple-Substitute Teacher-Elementary Schools (LTE).

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

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #444, and #445) for District Credit Card, ACH File, Insurance (Health), Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, and Payroll Related Voucher for a total of \$1,808,180.24. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Spielman moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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*Chad Prieve, President*

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*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*