

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

**November 9, 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, Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, and Gary Spielman. Board members absent: John Kraus, Jr. and Joanne Tyjeski.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular and special meetings on October 26, 2020, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Ziemann, Middle School Principal, along with Ms. Armentrout and Mr. Twohig, Associate Principals, presented the School of the Month report for the Middle School. They shared the objectives and highlights of the School Success Plan along with current safety precautions. They reported on the various student co-curricular activities and shared updates from all subject areas and student services.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented an update on Term 1 Learning Models which included virtual student numbers and feedback from parents. He shared focused advancements for Term 2 and items for moving forward. Mr. Peters, District Assessment and Technology Officer, shared information regarding Canvas, the district's learning management system, and provided a demonstration of the system

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, presented a donation in the amount of \$34,088.12 from the Bonnie Bauer Trust to be used for the High School Band Program.

Spielman moved, Lerwick seconded, to accept the donation as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano provided an update on the Return to School plan for 2020-2021. The district continues to participate in weekly meetings with the Dodge County Health Department and actively reviews and monitors district census tract data. The district remains in Option B of the plan with grades 4K-5 attending in person and grades 6-12 in a hybrid model. He reviewed the status of activities and athletics and announced that the High School winter season is moving forward while Middle School athletics are canceled since there are no other schools in the area to compete against. The priority is to maintain the in-person option for grades K-5 and, if necessary, shift grades 6-12 to virtual to support staffing shortages at the elementary level. He recommended all grades move to virtual the week following

Thanksgiving to help minimize spread and reduce great disruption. This could also be a consideration for the week following the winter holiday break, but he did not recommend it at this point. He explained this will only be helpful if community members are diligent with their safety practices and follow guidelines. The district will continue to offer as many in person opportunities as possible, while considering staff realities.

Jorgensen moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to support moving to virtual learning for grades 4K-12 the week of November 30 through December 4, 2020.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Board members recognized all staff for their hard work and expressed appreciation.

Mr. DiStefano recognized High School Technology Education Teacher Ms. Gosdeck and her students who were recently formally thanked by the Dodge County Historical Society for the walking tour they created last spring. He echoed the board's sentiments of appreciation for staff. He recognized the Hicks Foundation for their donation to the PALs program. He thanked Veterans in advance of Veteran's Day and said a video of the High School National Honor Society's virtual program will be shared. He congratulated Morgan McGaully for qualifying for the State Swimming Meet.

Mr. Prieve announced that due to her absence, the board of education student representative report will be presented next month.

Ms. Jorgensen, Board Clerk, announced there are three seats up for the Spring election on April 6, 2021. The incumbents are John Kraus, Jr., Gary Spielman, and herself. Incumbents who do not intend to seek re-election need to file non-candidacy papers by 5 p.m. on December 28, 2020. Any members of the public seeking election need to file candidacy papers by 5 p.m. on January 5, 2021.

Mr. Prieve announced that the Operations and Teaching and Learning Committees did not meet since the last board meeting. The Teaching and Learning Committee is scheduled to meet on November 16 and the Operations Committee on November 23.

There were no board member engagement opportunities since the last meeting.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following resignation: Julie Schlinder-Grade 6 English Language Arts Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective 1/15/21).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following leave of absence request: Kourtney Roedl-Grade 5 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Medical Leave 4/4/21-end of 2020-21 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Emma Sasser-Grade 7 Science Teacher-Middle School (LTS 3/8/21-6/1/21) and Aysha Dominguez-Grade 4 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTS 11/2/20-1/4/21).

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

Klatt moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, the Board of Education endorse the need for statutory flexibility amid the COVID-19 Pandemic and authorize the application to the Department of Public Instruction for the necessary flexibility. This includes a waiver for Hours of Instruction, Educator Effectiveness, and Personnel Evaluation for the 2020-2021 school year. Educational flexibility sought under this waiver is in no way meant to reduce our educational expectations. Rather, it is meant to provide the flexibility needed to maintain the highest levels of learning possible.

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

Spielman moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #388, #389, and #390) for District Credit Card, District Insurances, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, and Payroll Related Voucher for a total of \$2,014,252.12. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

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

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

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*Chad Prieve, President*

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*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*