

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

**December 9, 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, Heather Scholz, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Maria Mason.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 11 and the special meeting on November 18, 2024, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Krause, Prairie View Elementary Principal, and Ms. Dwyer, Prairie View Elementary Associate Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Prairie View Elementary School. They provided an overview of their School Success Plan goals and reported on each objective. They highlighted school climate and culture, student activities and events that are part of their Panthers together Achieve Wild Success (PAWS) program, and the school recognitions they have received.

Mr. Gerber, High School Associate Principal Activities and Athletics, presented High School out of state and overnight trip requests for the 2024-2025 second semester.

Tyjeski moved, Dornfeld seconded, to approve the trip requests as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Marshall, District Facility and Safety Officer, presented the District Safety Drills report. Per Act 143, the State requires school boards to act by January 1 on school safety drills to ensure they are conducted according to their school safety plan.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to officially receive and approve the confirmation of the drills as submitted by the building administrators, as is required by Act 143.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Max Luedtke, Board of Education Student Representative, reported that the district wide food drive was a great success, winter athletics are in full swing, and the FFA and other student groups were involved with the community holiday activities and parade. He provided highlights from his visit to the Middle School and reported on their various student activities and events.

Mr. Prieve announced that the Operations Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee did not meet since the last board meeting and the next meetings are scheduled for January 27, 2025.

Mr. Kraus provided a summary of the Facilities Planning workshop. Board members shared their perspectives. Mr. DiStefano shared that there will be monthly communications highlighting updates with the referendum projects.

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

Board members recognized staff involved in after school enhanced learning opportunities for students. They also thanked staff for their extra time during the busy concert and holiday season and acknowledged the willingness of community to selflessly support events and activities.

Mr. DiStefano recognized the Beaver Dam Police Department for their involvement with the District Safety Drills, all community members and district staff who participated in the Red Kettle Concert, and Mr. Ritchart, Auditorium Tech, for all his work with the various holiday concerts. He shared that a High School wrestler received a note from a master official for his outstanding sportsmanship at a recent tournament.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski 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.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Kaitlin Mears-Grade 2 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Medical Leave 5/14/25-end of the 2024-25 school year) and Dylan Ziegler-Science Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 11/27/24-12/10/24).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Olivia Filber-ELL Teacher-Middle School (LTS 12/9/24-3/24/25), Debra Hardman-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTE 1/2/25–end of the 2024-25 school year), Sandra Koller-Special Education Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTS 1/2/25-3/12/25), LouAnn Mantei-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTS 12/2/24-12/20/24), and Emily Walters-English Language Arts Teacher-High School (LTE 1/20/25-end of the 2024-25 school year).

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

Mr. DiStefano presented an update to board policy 9160 for first reading. The update references the authority and requirements for groups or organizations to possess alcohol on school premises for a specific

date or event. Board members requested the policy update be further discussed by the board's Operations Committee in January and present it to the full board at the February regular board meeting.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to move the policy update to the Operations Committee on January 27.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #596, #597 and #598) for ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, AXA Roth, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Sec Benefit Life, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Payroll Related Voucher, Health/Dental Insurances, Wisconsin Retirement System, Checking, LTD/STD/Life Insurance for a total of \$3,875,569.55. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

/s/

Chad Prieve, President

/s/

Marge Jorgensen, Clerk