

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

**February 10, 2025**

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 January 13, 2025, and special meeting on February 3, 2025, 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. Peters, Principal, and Ms. Alvin, Associate Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Jefferson Elementary School. They provided an overview of their School Success Plan goals, including objectives and action steps. They shared their Social Emotional Learning activities and highlighted other school events and activities.

Ms. Dwyer, Summer School Coordinator, provided an overview of Summer School 2025. Elementary and Middle School is scheduled Monday through Thursday from June 9-July 24, with no classes the week of June 30. High School is scheduled Monday through Friday, June 9-July 25 and will primarily focus on credit recovery. Elementary Summer School will be held at Prairie View and Middle School classes will be held at the High School. She shared the instructional delivery, student enrollment projections, staffing projections, lunch program info, transportation, registration timelines, schedules, and staffing.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adopt the plans and dates for Summer School 2025 as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, provided an update on the district's Strategic Plan. He reviewed each district strategic action and progress, presented School Success Plans highlights and celebrations, and previewed mid-year data that will be presented to the Teaching & Learning Committee on February 24.

Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, reported on the bidding process for the bond issuance and presented a resolution to award the sale of \$27,000,000 general obligation promissory notes to FHN Financial with a rate of 4.34%. He explained this is the first issuance of the referendum financing plan and reviewed the process for awarding the sale.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, the board approve awarding the sale of \$27,000,000 general obligation promissory notes as presented.

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

Max Luedtke, Board of Education Student Representative, reported that incoming freshmen toured the High School, semester 2 is in full swing, the annual String Fling was a hit, and Easton Warden is a National Merit Scholarship finalist. The Ag department welcomed three baby lambs, Juniors are beginning ACT prep, and Seniors are working on scholarship applications.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee met on January 27, 2025. They received a list of proposed projects for Summer 2025 and reviewed the Referendum Projects Monthly Update. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2025.

Mr. Cashman provided an overview of the Summer 2025 projects along with timelines and budget.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the Summer 2025 Projects as presented.

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

Ms. Panzer, Teaching & Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on January 27, 2025. They received updates on the district's intervention programs and elementary math curriculum review, and also received information on a revision to High School AP Physics. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2025.

Panzer moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve adding High School AP Physics I to replace Physics Honors and AP Physics 2 to replace the AP Physics C pathway as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Board members shared information about the sessions they attended at the State Education Convention.

Mr. Prieve provided a summary of the High Performing Boards workshop. Board members shared their perspectives.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in since the last board meeting. Ms. Kuntz and Ms. Mason were recognized for achieving the next level in their board growth and their continuing work as board members. Also recognized were two High School students for moving on to state in the Skills USA Wisconsin competition, and the High School Wrestling team and Girls Hockey team for being Conference Champs.

Mr. DiStefano recognized the Robotics teams for participating in Robotics Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and Owen Hemling for serving on the FIRST Robotics Wisconsin State Student Board of Directors. He also thanked Mr. Cashman and staff involved in bond rating process.

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 and the employment of a professional administrative employee.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees and the employment of a professional administrative employee.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following retirements: Lori Ferch-Nutrition Services Worker-High School (Retirement effective end of the 2024-25 school year), Joanne Hoffner-Secretary-Jefferson Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2024-25 school year), and Julie Sether-Grade 3 Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2024-25 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leave of absence request: Sarah Knutson-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 4/7/25-end of the 2024-25 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the superintendent's contract for 2025-2027.

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

Mr. DiStefano presented updates to board policies 2264, 2266, and 9160. He requested that board policy 2264 that supports the 2024 Title IX guidelines be rescinded and policy 2266 be updated to reflect this change. This is based on a federal district court in Kentucky striking down the 2024 Title IX regulations nationwide citing overreach by the U.S. Department of Education.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to rescind Board Policy 2264.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to amend board policy 2266 by deleting the language limiting its application to conduct occurring before August 1, 2024.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano reviewed policy 9160 which references the sale of alcohol on district premises and presented a recommendation referencing the sale of alcohol on district premises.

Jorgensen moved, Tyjeski seconded, the board, pursuant to Board Policy 0131.1, suspend the prohibition against alcohol possession set forth in Board Policy 9160 during Regional and State American Legion Tournaments that may be held on the Beaver Dam High School Campus during the Summer of 2025, so long as the American Legion submits a plan for said possession and distribution that is approved by an authorized representative of the Beaver Dam Police Department and the District Facility & Safety Officer.

The Superintendent or designee has the authority to reinstate the prohibition at any time without notice or dispute.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #604, #605, #606, and #607) for ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, AXA Roth, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Modern Woodmen of America, Sec Benefit Life, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, and District Insurances for a total of \$3,604,317.66. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Tyjeski moved, Kuntz seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

/s/  
*Chad Prieve, President*  
/s/  
*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*