

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

February 14, 2022

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 6:33 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Maria Mason, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: None.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 10, 2022, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

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 or employee groups, and Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The board will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Franz from Baker Tilly presented the district's fiscal year 2021 audit report. The audit received an unmodified opinion, which is the highest-level of assurance that can be received from an audit.

Jorgensen moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adopt the audit report from Baker Tilly 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. He provided an overview of their School Success Plan, including plan objectives and action steps to accomplish their plan goals. He reviewed their professional development, targeted adjustments, and shared details and pictures from school events and activities.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, introduced Chief Kreuziger from the Beaver Dam Police Department and thanked the Police Department for their continued partnership with the district and their support. Chief Kreuziger thanked the district for the excellent working relationship and

the partnership with the School Resource Officer program. Each School Resource Officer introduced themselves and provided a brief update on their duties in the schools. The board thanked the officers for their service.

Ms. Dwyer, Summer School Coordinator, provided an overview of Summer School 2022. Elementary and Middle School is scheduled Monday through Thursday from June 13-July 28, with no classes the week of July 4. Elementary Summer School will be held at Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary schools for grades PK-5. Summer School at the High School will be Monday through Friday, June 13-July 29, with no classes the week of July 4. The primary focus at the High School will be for credit recovery. Health and safety protocols will be aligned with current practices. Most courses have no fee, although enrichment courses may have material costs of no more than \$5. Lunch will be provided for all students at no cost to families.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the dates and locations as presented for the summer school programs

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. He provided an update on current COVID-19 activity, including activity from other area school districts. The district will move away from sending close contact notifications, but will continue with notifications if there is a classroom outbreak. Resources for families to navigate isolation timelines and other information related to COVID will be available on the district's website.

The board discussed the continuation of the monthly Return to Learn Plan update and requested to continue with the monthly updates through the end of the school year.

Mr. Peters, District Assessment and Technology Officer, provided a mid-year update on the district's Strategic Plan. He reviewed the components of the plan, core strategies, and objectives. Updates were provided on each district strategic actions, the various district performance metrics, and the next steps.

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, requested approval of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund plan with the flexibility to amend the plan based on student needs and the district's budget.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the ESSER III fund use plan as presented with the ability to amend the plan as needed to serve the needs of students and staff.

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

Ms. DeVries, Board of Education Student Representative, reported that Pasta with a Purpose was very successful. The ACT is coming up in March and incentives are being planned to motivate students to do well. March will be an attendance month with incentives to motivate students to be in school.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee member, reported that the committee met on January 24 and received an update on ESSER funding and a report on Requests for Proposals for Spring 2022. The district will be requesting proposals for food service management and life and health insurance. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28 at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on January 17 and they received an update on ESSER funding and a report on the district's At-Risk programming. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21 at 5:30 pm.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in over the past month and also shared highlights from the sessions they attended during the State Education Convention in January.

Mr. DiStefano recognized the student groups and staff involved in the Pasta with a Purpose event and said it is another great example of students who give back to the community.

Beal-Loeck moved, Kraus 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 or employee groups, and Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. 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, Mason, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, and Jorgensen. No-None.

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees, employee groups, and property. No action was taken during closed session.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Dr. White recognized retiring staff and thanked them for their service.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following resignations and retirements: Leanne Gensch-Special Education Teacher Assistant-Middle School (Retirement effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Jessica Greatens-Special Education Teacher-Middle School (Retirement effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Dan Hallman-Physical Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Joy Lachendro-School Social Worker-Elementary (Retirement effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Doug Pickarts-Math Teacher-High School (Resignation effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Kelly Riehbrandt-Physical Education Teacher-High School (Retirement effective end of the 2021-22 school year); and Holly Westby-Spanish Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2021-2022 school year)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leaves of absence: Maily Kocinski-Grade 5 Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School (Medical Leave 2/25/22-3/25/22) and Nicole Whitman-Literacy Support Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Medical Leave 2/28/22-4/8/22).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following appointments: Ashley Martel-Grade 7 Math and K-8 Full-Time Teacher-Elementary & Middle School (LTE 1/24/22-end of the 2021-22 school year); Ashley Probst-Grade 5 Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School (LTS 2/25/22-3/25/22); and Angiolett Winkel-Spanish Teacher-Middle School.

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

Mr. DiStefano presented the board policy updates from Neola for first reading. They will be presented for adoption at the March regular board meeting.

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #453, #454, #455 and #456) for District Credit Card, District Life Insurance, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, DOR, Payroll Related Voucher, Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Manual Check, and District Insurances, for a total of \$4,676,480.05. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

/s/ _____
Chad Prieve, President

/s/ _____
Marge Jorgensen, Clerk