

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

**February 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. President, Chad Prieve, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Marge Jorgensen, Tony Klatt, John Kraus, Jr., 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 11, 2021, and the special meetings on January 25 and January 26, 2021, 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, Principal, and Ms. Jansma, Associate Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Prairie View Elementary School. They reviewed the school's shared purpose, vision, collective commitments, and goals, along with the progress and professional development related to their school success plan. They shared videos of classroom lessons and reviewed changes to procedures and virtual learning in response to the pandemic.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Mr. Peters, District Assessment and Technology Officer, presented a recommendation to sunset the Don Smith Learning Academy at the completion of the 2020-2021 school year, merging it with the existing Beaver Dam High School entity. They reported on how programming aligns with the district's strategic plan and explained off-site programming will continue. The continuum of services and the common supports provided were reviewed, in addition to an overview of the rationale and background. They also reviewed an implementation plan and DSLA student transition supports.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to sunset the Don Smith Learning Academy at the completion of the 2020-2021 school year, merging it with the existing Beaver Dam High School entity.

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

Mr. Peters, District Assessment and Technology Officer, reported on the Strategic Plan progress. He reviewed the components of the plan, core strategies, and objectives. Updates were provided on the district strategic actions, the various district performance metrics, school success plans, and continuing work along with work moving forward.

Ms. Jansma, Summer School Coordinator, provided an overview of Summer School 2021.

Elementary and Middle School will run Monday through Thursday from June 14-July 29, with no classes the week of July 5. Classes will be held at Prairie View and Jefferson Elementary schools for grades PK-5. The High School will offer supervised online credit recovery classes Monday through Friday from July 14-29. DSLA will have classes Monday through Friday from June 7-18. 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.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, provided an update on the 2020-2021 Return to School plan. The district continues to meet with the Dodge County Health Department and review and monitor numbers within district boundaries. He reviewed the current academic instruction model and provided an update on the vaccine process for staff. Athletics and activities will have limited spectators within parameters reviewed with the Dodge County Health Department. Field trips are still not allowed and will be re-evaluated for the possibility of outdoor small-scale limited opportunities later this spring. An updated recommendation regarding volunteers and visitor access will be presented in March with the possibility for access to outside groups on or around March 15 and volunteers and visitors in April. The district's requirement to wear masks indoors at all school buildings will continue despite governmental orders. He requested the board affirm their position on indoor masking requirements in all schools and district facilities, and ask that they affirm that masks will remain required in the district until such a time that the Board states otherwise or the district is directed to do so through state or federal authority. The lifting or overturning of an "order" does not constitute Board action or a directive that would change the district's position.

Spielman moved, Jorgensen seconded, the board affirm their position on indoor masking requirements in all in all schools and district facilities, and affirm that masks will remain required in the district until such a time that the board states otherwise or the district is directed to do so through state or federal authority. The lifting or overturning of an "order" does not constitute board action or a directive that would change the district's position.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The board recognized the High School FFA Chapter and Mr. Ganske, Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor, for the upcoming FFA week. They shared that FFA student interviews are available for listening on Daily Dodge.

Mr. DiStefano recognized the winter athletic teams and Kyler Neuberger for qualifying for the State Wrestling Competition. The High School Boys and Girls Basketball teams earned #1 seeds in the Division 1 tournament. The High School Mock Trial team placed first in regional competition and qualified for the State Competition. He recognized families, students, and staff for their support and being flexible in student learning.

Ms. Doyle, Board Student Representative, reported on the change to 4-day in-person instruction. She said the school has been able to come together and become unified.

Ms. Beal Loeck, Operations Committee, reported the committee met on January 25 and received an overview of the staff impact of the proposed calendar adjustment for the 2021-22 school year, a proposal for the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation to establish a fund to support education in the district, and an update on the 4-year old kindergarten program for the 2021-22

school year. Jefferson Elementary School will be added as a site to serve a need for a site in that geographical area. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 22.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chairperson, reported the committee met on January 18 and received an update on the district's plan to transition to the CESA 6 Effectiveness Project for evaluation of certified staff and principals beginning in the 2021-22 school year. They also received an update on At-Risk Programming that was presented earlier in this meeting. Adjustments to the 2021-2022 school year calendar were also presented. The planned professional development days were distributed throughout the calendar to provide more consistency. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 15.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the 2021-2022 school year calendar adjustments as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Prieve explained the process of appointing a new board member to fill the vacancy. The new board member will serve through April 2022. Five community members expressed interest and interviews were conducted on January 25 and January 26. 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. Prieve 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.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, that 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 – Klatt, Kraus, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, and Jorgensen. No - None.

Dan Kuhnz and Mary Kuntz were selected by signed ballot vote as the two finalists.

Mary Kuntz was selected as the new board member by majority vote of signed ballots.

Mr. Prieve congratulated Ms. Kuntz and said she will begin her service on March 8.

Panzer moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following retirements: Kathy Jeanes-Grade 2 Teacher- Lincoln Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2020-21 school year) and Pam Pryme-Special Education Teacher Assistant-Lincoln Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2020-21 school year)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following leave of absence request: Traci Barnes-Alternative Ed. Teacher-Don Smith Learning Academy (Medical Leave 3/1/21-4/9/21).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Mackenzie Helgemoe-Grade 5 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTS 4/4/21 – End of 2020-21 school year) and Julie LaBorde-Grade 4 Teacher-Wilson Elementary School (LTS 4/24/21-5/31/21).

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

The board policy updates were presented for first reading. They will be presented for adoption at the March regular board meeting.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #399, #400, #401, and #402) for District Credit Card, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, Health Savings Account (District), Payroll Related Voucher, Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, and Wisconsin Retirement System for a total of \$3,132,590.22. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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*Chad Prieve, President*

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*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*