

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

March 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., Mary Kuntz, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, and Gary Spielman. Board members absent: Joanne Tyjeski.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 8, 2021, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

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. 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. Wilson, Wilson Elementary School Principal, presented the School of the Month report. He provided an overview the school and reviewed their School Success Plan objectives and progress, connectedness activities, and plans for next year.

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal, presented the Early College Credit Program requests for the fall semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Early College Credit Program requests as presented.

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

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, presented a proposal from the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation to establish a charitable fund within the BDACF for the purpose of supporting education projects in the district. She reviewed the type of projects that could be funded along with donation and marketing information.

Beal-Loeck moved, Spielman seconded, to approve establishing the Beaver Dam Unified School

District Education Fund as an agency fund within the Beaver Dam Community Foundation Family of Funds as set forth in and governed by the Agreement between the parties.

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

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, provided an update on the progress of staff vaccinations, and Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA) information. He recommended extension of the relief provided by the FFCRA funded by the district through May 28, 2021 and effective May 29, 2021 any said relief would end. The alternate fall athletic season has begun and Homecoming and Prom events are being planned. The events will align with preventative and protective measures and are being reviewed by the Dodge County Health Department. He recommended that effective immediately, the Educational Service Center be opened up for outside group access and effective March 22, the Middle School and High School be opened up for outside group access. Any and all outside groups accessing the facilities must engage in preventative practices and protocols as required by the district. He explained that elementary schools are not being recommended for opening due to less custodial staff and usage is historically less in the spring. He shared plans to allow for recruiters, volunteer coaches, and other volunteer supports to participate in approved activities on campus, outdoors when possible, at the discretion of the principal. He recommended that effective on April 5th, volunteers and other partners be allowed to serve in person and in district buildings during the school day to support students and staff in priority areas including but not limited to academic and social-emotional support at the discretion of the building principal.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, that effective immediately, the Educational Service Center be opened up for outside group access and effective March 22, the Middle School and High School be opened up for outside group access. Any and all outside groups accessing the facilities must engage in preventative practices and protocols as required by the district.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Kraus moved, Spielman seconded, effective on April 5th, volunteers and other partners be allowed to serve in person and in district buildings during the school day to support students and staff in priority areas including but not limited to academic and social-emotional support at the discretion of the building principal.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Jorgensen moved, Kraus seconded, to extend the relief provided by the FFCRA funded by the district through May 28, 2021 and effective May 29, 2021 any said relief would end.

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

The board recognized Health Occupations Students of American (HOSA) students on their success in the regional competition and qualifying to compete at State. They also recognized the girls

bowling team for competing at State and all coaches for adapting to the protocols and practices for team sports.

Mr. DiStefano recognized the mock trial team for competing at State. The academic testing season kicks off this week with ACT testing at the High School, and also Aspire and Forward exams.

Ms. Doyle, Board Student Representative, reported on athletics and club activities and the beginning of the alternate fall athletic season.

Ms. Beal Loeck, Operations Committee, reported the committee met on February 22 and received an update on the 2020-21 budget, which included information on the CARES Act and ESSER funds, and is on track with previous years. An adjustment to certified staff contract language that includes a statement regarding collective commitments was presented. The committee also received an update on staffing planning and timeline. The committee will not meet in March due to a board workshop. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 26.

Beal-Loeck moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the certified staff contract language statement that the staff member agrees to abide with the collective commitments set forth by each of the sites that they serve.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chairperson, reported the committee met on February 15 and received information regarding collective commitments, Middle School course offering modifications for 2021-22 and 2022-23, English Language Learner program recommendations, and the Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) semester reports. The committee will not meet in March due to a board workshop. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 19.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in over the past month.

Beal-Loeck moved, Spielman 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. The board will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees. No action was taken during closed session.

Beal-Loeck moved, Jorgensen seconded, to reconvene into open session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the following resignations/retirement: Megan Brennan-Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2020-

21 school year); Ashley Duchac-Grade 3 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Resignation effective 3/1/21); Laura Maron-Principal-Washington Elementary School (Retirement effective 6/30/21); Brad Poetter-Special Education Teacher-High School (Resignation effective 6/3/21); Christine Skogg-Literacy Support Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Resignation 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: Annette Hook-Grade 1 Teacher-Wilson Elementary School (Medical leave 8/23/21-10/23/21).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Jorgensen moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to appoint Joanne Tyjeski, Mark DiStefano, and Michelle Falkinham to serve as the board of canvassers for the April school board election with Lila Repinski as the alternate.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano presented policy revisions recommended by NEOLA for final reading.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adopt the board policy updates as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #403, #404, #405, and #406) for District Credit Card, District Insurance, ACH File, VOID/Re-issue-EPIC Life Insurance \$7,032.17, EPIC Life Insurance-Addl amount due-OCT, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, Payroll Related Voucher, Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, and Wisconsin Retirement System for a total of \$4,228,395.41. (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, Beal-Loeck, Jorgensen, Klatt, Kraus, and Kuntz. No - None.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

/s/

Chad Prieve, President

/s/

Marge Jorgensen, Clerk