

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

April 11, 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. Vice-President, John Kraus, Jr., called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Maria Mason, Lisa Panzer, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Chad Prieve.

Mr. Kraus led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 7 and the special meeting on March 21, 2022, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kraus 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 and employee groups, and to discuss negotiation strategy, 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, Beal-Loeck seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Klawitter, Jefferson Elementary School Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Jefferson Elementary School. She reported on their enrollment and School Success Plan, including the action steps to accomplish their plan goals. She provided an overview of the new Parent Teacher Conference format they used in the Fall. Ms. Ramsdale, Bilingual Family Liaison, reported on the conference for families needing translation. Ms. Klawitter shared school connectedness information and the community activities of the Fifth Grade Leadership Group.

Mr. Ziebarth, High School History Teacher, presented a proposal for High School students to travel to Washington DC from June 5-9, 2023. The dates are tentative and the trip will be open to students currently in grades 8-11. He requested a minimum of 35 students be required to allow the group to have their own independent tour.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the trip for June 2023 for upcoming freshman through juniors to travel to Washington DC.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Jorgensen, Kraus, Kuntz, Mason, Panzer, Spielman, Tyjeski, and Beal-Loeck. Nay-None.

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 shared that COVID levels in the district remain very low.

Tyjeski moved to discontinue the Return to Learn Plan on the board's monthly agenda unless there is a significant change that would require a board update.

The motion did not receive a second. Motion failed.

Due to absence, there was no Board of Education Student Representative report.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee member, reported that the committee did not meet in March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet in March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18.

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

Board members recognized the Middle School for their Fine Arts Night, Washington Elementary for their Family Paint Night, and Jefferson Elementary for the School of the Month tour and breakfast chat.

Mr. DiStefano recognized students, families, and staff for their efforts during state testing, student groups participating in volunteer activities, the district's grounds crew for field and facility preparation for spring activities and events, and the athletic department and staff for hosting the UW Badger Women's Volleyball game which was very well attended.

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 and employee groups, and to discuss negotiation strategy, 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, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, and Jorgensen. Nay-None.

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following resignations and retirement: Amanda Bolan-Curriculum and Instructional Coach (Resignation effective 6/30/22); Bev Gust-Special Education Teacher Assistant-High School (Retirement effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Amanda Kempka-

Grade 6 ELA Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Richard Major-Math Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective 3/11/22); and Laura McCauley-Substitute Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective 4/11/22).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leaves of absence: Alison Bohl-Grade 5 Teacher-Wilson Elementary School (Medical Leave 8/29/22-11/18/22); Robyn Brunelle-Custodian-High School (Medical Leave 4/26/22-5/16/22); Heather Holt-Alternative Education Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 4/18/22-5/30/22); Abigail Schmitt-Special Education Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 8/29/22-11/18/22); and Jennifer Tesch-Special Education Teacher-Washington Elementary School (Medical Leave 9/5/22 – 11/28/22).

The motion was adopted by majority vote. Abstained: Tyjeski.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Karla Daane-School Counselor-Elementary Schools; Madeline Flanders-Physical Education Teacher-Elementary; Annie Frankovis-Math Teacher-High School; LouAnn Mantei-Literacy Support Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTS 2/25/22-end of 2021-22 school year); Malissa Pamenter-Alternative Education Teacher-High School (LTS 4/18/22-5/30/22); Samantha Panetti-Literacy Support Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School; and Kari Riehl-Social Worker-Elementary Schools.

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

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to renew teacher contracts for 2022-2023.

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

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #460, #461, #462, #463 and #464) for American Funds Service Co., Madison National Life (LTD), The Hartford-Priority (STD), Unity Health Insurance, Delta Dental Insurance, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, Payroll Related Voucher Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, and Health/Dental Insurance for a total of \$4,750,744.18. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

/s/ _____
Chad Prieve, President

/s/ _____
Marge Jorgensen, Clerk