

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

April 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center. Vice-President, John Kraus, Jr., called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Isaac Dornfeld, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Maria Mason, Lisa Panzer, and Gary Spielman. Board members absent: Chad Prieve, and Joanne Tyjeski.

Mr. Kraus led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 11, 2024, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kraus welcomed visitors.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Tramburg, Lincoln Elementary School Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Lincoln Elementary School. He reported on their School Success Plan goals, action steps, progress, and professional learning community goals. He also spoke about the school activities, events, and parent/family connections.

Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, presented information regarding a Long-Term Capital Trust Fund (Fund 46) for capital projects. He explained that the fund requires a 10-year Capital Improvement Plan along with the creation of a money market bank account.

Jorgensen read the following resolution:

**THE BOARD OF BEAVER DAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE ESTABLISHING OF A LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND**

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Beaver Dam School District, Dodge County, Wisconsin (the “District”) has determined that it necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the District to establish a long-term capital improvement trust fund for the purpose of financing the costs of capital improvements included in the School Board’s long-term capital improvement plan (the “Capital Improvement Plan”); and WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Plan is a capital improvement plan of at least 10 years and has been approved by the School Board on April 8, 2024. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School board of the District that:

- 1.) Establishment of the Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund. The School Board of the Beaver Dam Unified School District hereby authorizes and approves the establishment of a long-term capital improvement trust fund pursuant to Section 120.137, Wisconsin Statutes and designated as the “Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund” (the “Trust Fund”) for the purpose of financing the costs of capital improvements included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

- 2.) Transfers to the Fund. The Trust Fund shall be funded with a transfer or transfers of funds from the general fund of the district as may be authorized and approved by the School Board and shall at all times meet the requirements set forth in Section 120.137, Wisconsin Statutes.

Dornfeld moved, Kuntz seconded, the board adopt the resolution as read.

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

Jorgensen moved, Dornfeld seconded, to adopt the long-term capital improvement plan as presented.

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

Dornfeld moved, Jorgensen seconded, to create a money market bank account.

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

Ms. Espinoza, High School Student Representative, reported on High School and student organization activities and events taking place in April.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet in March. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 22.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet in March. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 22.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in.

Board members recognized Gary Spielman for his last board meeting after 33 years of service.

Board members recognized Ms. Peterson from the Daily Citizen newspaper for her coverage of the district and Ms. Propst from the Chamber of Commerce, Daily Dodge, and those who worked on the candidate forum.

Mr. DiStefano recognized Ms. Jorgensen, Mr. Kraus, & Ms. Scholz for being elected to the school board. He thanked community members for taking the facilities community survey and encouraged everyone to complete it. He also shared that the High School Spring play is this week and recognized those who qualified for the indoor state Track & Field meet, including Mila Westra who finished in 6th place. He congratulated McKenna Nelson for winning the Drive, Chip, & Putt finals in her age group at Augusta National. He thanked students, staff, principals, families, and the Information Technology Department for giving their best efforts during student testing time.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman 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 employee groups, the superintendent, and to discuss negotiation strategy; and Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(f) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data

of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Specifically, for the purpose of: Discussing and taking action, if appropriate, regarding the issuance of a preliminary notice of consideration of contract non-renewal under Wis. Stat. §118.22, to a teacher. Discussing and taking action, if appropriate, regarding the resignation of a teacher.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees, the superintendent, negotiation strategy, and preliminary notice of non-renewal.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following resignations: Heather Cooper-Special Education Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School (Resignation end of the 2023-24 school year); Jennifer Mersch-Art Teacher-Washington Elementary School (Resignation end of the 2023-24 school year); Connor Sisel-Math Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2023-24 school year); Andrew Travieso-Grade 5-Jefferson Elementary School (Resignation effective end of the 2023-24); and Angioletti Winkel-Spanish Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2023-24 school year)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Jon Basten-Math Teacher-High School (2024-2025 School Year); Rylie Kaufmann-Math Teacher-Middle School (2024-2025 School Year); Rebecca Klusmeyer-Music Teacher-Elementary Schools (2024-2025 School Year); and Erica Whittier-Art Teacher-Elementary Schools (1.0 FTE 2024-2025 School Year).

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

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to issue preliminary notice, in writing, in accordance with Wis. Stat. §118.22, as discussed in closed session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Dornfeld seconded, to renew teacher contracts according to statutory requirement for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #558, #559, #560, and #561) for ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, AXA Roth, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Met Life, Sec Benefit Life, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Payroll Related Voucher, Wisconsin Retirement System, and District Insurance for a total of \$3,966,232.94. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Spielman moved, Dornfeld seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

/s/ _____
Chad Prieve, President

/s/ _____
Marge Jorgensen, Clerk