

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

**May 10, 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, 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 April 12 and special meeting on April 28, 2021, 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. The board will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal, and Mr. Essig, High School Associate Principal, presented a video for their School of the Month report. It included student projects, activities and events, and staff and student recognition programs. He reviewed the High School's School Success Plan, including the school objectives and strategies.

Dr. Schieffer, Director of Student Services, presented a recommendation to approve 31 open enrollment applications into the district, pending records request responses, and deny 2 open enrollment applications into the district due to regular education space limitations, deny 4 applications into the district due to special education space limitations, and deny 2 applications into the district due to habitual truancy for the 2021-2022 school year. She recommended approval of 45 applications for 39 students applying to transfer out of the district for the 2021-2022 school year.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve 31 applications for students to open enroll into the district, deny 2 open enrollment applications into the district due to regular education space limitations, deny 4 applications into the district due to special education space limitations, deny 2 applications into the district due to habitual truancy and approve 45 applications for 39 students applying to transfer out of the district for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, provided a presentation on Fund 39 debt and debt defeasance. She explained that debt defeasance allows the district to place funds in an escrow account that earns interest to be used to reduce future Fund 39 payments. She reviewed the benefits of using a debt defeasance strategy in the future.

Jorgensen moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of an Escrow Account with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation School Building and Improvement Bonds, Series 2018, Dated April 2, 2018.

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

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 recommended no change. He explained that the district continues to follow a 14-day quarantine for close contact of confirmed positive cases and provided considerations for moving to a 14-day quarantine that would allow for return after 10 days of quarantine with a negative PCR test. He provided an update on masking protocols and reported that the Dodge County Health Department is likely to support modified masking protocols for summer school. He reviewed considerations for a change in modifying masking protocols. He requested approval of the district's 14-day quarantine protocol to allow for return after 10 days with a negative PCR test and provide the Superintendent the flexibility to adjust quarantine protocols upon consultation and review with health department officials and district medical staff. He also requested approval of the district moving to a modified masking model as early as June 14 with specified guidelines in place that may require masking in specified indoor venues or events and allow the Superintendent to adjust and modify masking protocols upon consultation and review with health department officials and district medical staff.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the district's 14-day quarantine protocol to allow for return after 10 days with a negative PCR test and provide the Superintendent the flexibility to adjust quarantine protocols upon consultation and review with health department officials and district medical staff.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the district moving to a modified masking model as early as June 14 with specified guidelines in place that may require masking in specified indoor venues or events and allow the Superintendent to adjust and modify masking protocols upon consultation and review with health department officials and district medical staff.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The board thanked everyone involved with the Almost Maine high school spring production, the High School orchestra students for an excellent in-person concert, recognized FFA members for the awards received at their annual banquet, and commended the staff who quickly and efficiently

clean the cafeterias between lunches. They recognized Bella Kraus, FFA student, for her selection as 1 of 15 students to serve on the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council. Ms. Gehring, High School Athletic and Activities Director, was congratulated for receiving the WADA District 6 Athletic Director of the Year award. Board members also acknowledged the staff gratitude expressed for the staff appreciation gift.

Mr. DiStefano recognized and thanked all staff and administration for their efforts with the events and activities scheduled over the next three weeks.

Mr. Spielman was recognized for 30 years of service by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

Ms. Doyle, Board Student Representative, reported on standardized and Advanced Placement testing, teacher and staff appreciation week activities, the upcoming prom and Senior Awards and Scholarship night. Graduation will be in the Field House on May 28 at 7 pm. She introduced Carter Hughes and announced that he will report on the Middle School Student Council.

Carter Hughes, Middle School Student Council Representative, reported on his experience as the Vice-President of the Wisconsin Association of Student Councils.

Mr. Prieve, on behalf of the school board and Mr. DiStefano, thanked Ms. Doyle for serving as the board's first student representative and providing student insights. He congratulated her on her graduation and wished her well in the future.

Ms. Beal Loeck, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee met on April 26 and received staff handbook language updates, a debt defeasance presentation that was presented and approved earlier in this meeting, an update and overview of the 5-year facility plan and summer maintenance projects, and an update on elementary enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. She asked Mr. Peters, District Assessment and Technology Officer, to provide elementary enrollment information for all board members.

Mr. Peters reported on past practices and future plans, which may include offering Wilson kindergarten families the opportunity to attend Washington Elementary School due to the large class size. A potential boundary change between Lincoln and Prairie View Elementary schools for the 2021-22 school year is also being explored. The families affected by the potential boundary change have been invited to attend listening sessions with administration to provide feedback.

The Operations Committee will not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on April 19 and received an overview of the district's Response to Intervention system and Professional Learning Communities, a draft of the 2022-2023 school year calendar, which included an alternate calendar with a start date prior to September 1. They also received an update on learning options for the 2021-2022 school year. She asked Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, to share the information with all board members.

Mr. Meyer reviewed the current learning options, the procedure to determine virtual learning options for 2021-2022, possible anticipations, and delivery model considerations.

The Teaching and Learning Committee will not meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21.

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

Mr. Prieve provided a brief overview of the Board of Education self-evaluation survey. He asked board members to share feedback with any member of the board Ad-Hoc committee.

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

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following resignations: Tiffany Bohnert-Speech and Language Therapist-Prairie View Elementary School (Resignation effective end of the 2020-21 school year); Anna Brady-Physical Education Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2020-21 school year); Stephanie Cochrane-Grade 1 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Resignation effective end of the 2020-21 school year); Tracy Ghiloni-Occupational Therapist-District (Resignation effective 6/1/21); Breanna Gosh-Spanish Teacher-High School (Resignation effective end of the 2020-21 school year); Emily Janes-School Counselor-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2020-21 school year); Ethan Jensen-Business and Marketing Teacher-High School (Resignation effective 6/2/21); Chris Smith-Physical Education Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Resignation effective end of the 2020-21 school year); and Christine Ziemann-Principal-Middle School (Resignation effective 6/30/21).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following appointments: Taylor Binversie- Speech and Language Pathologist; Brooke Binner- Speech and Language Pathologist; Allison Dombeck-Math Teacher-Middle School; Jesse Gilbertson-Social Studies Teacher-Middle School; Zoe Lewis-Social Worker-Elementary Schools; Mary Meyer-Grade 1 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School; Kayla Murray-Physical Education Teacher-Elementary Schools; Holly Taylor-4-year old Kindergarten Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School; Abigail Weinert-Special Education Teacher-High School; and Valentina Zelenko-Grade 2 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School.

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

Mr. Tronsen presented the list of tentative 2021 High School and Don Smith Learning Academy graduates for certification.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the list of tentative 2021 graduates as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Dr. White, Director of Human Resources, presented a recommendation to increase staff compensation by 1.23%, which is the allowable consumer price index for support staff and administration. She explained that this aligns with the CPI increase approved for certified staff last month with the ratification of the 2021-2022 Beaver Dam Education Association collective bargaining agreement.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, that the board increase compensation by the consumer price index of 1.23% for 2021-2022 for support staff and administration.

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

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #412, #413, #414, and #415) for District Credit Card, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, and District Insurance for a total of \$3,114,388.24. (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, Kraus, and Kuntz. No - None.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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*Chad Prieve, President*

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*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*