

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

May 9, 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. President, Chad Prieve, 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, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: None.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 11 and the special meeting on April 18, 2022, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

Mr. Kraus, 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 pursuant to 19.85(1)(c), (f), and (g) for the purpose of discussing a pending employee complaint and the performance and contract of an individual employee. The board will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, presented a recommendation to approve 35 open enrollment applications into the district, pending records request responses, deny 3 open enrollment applications into the district due to special education space limitations and deny 1 application into the district due to regular education space limitations for the 2022-2023 school year. He recommended approval of 43 applications for 39 students applying to transfer out of the district for the 2022-2023 school year.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the open enrollment applications for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

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. He provided information regarding participation in virtual learning and reported that the district plans to continue to offer the same virtual options for 2022-2023.

Ms. DeVries, Board of Education Student Representative, thanked the board for all the opportunities provided to students. She reported that WIN time will be available for High School students for the remainder of the school year. Graduation is scheduled for May 27 and Senior Award night is on May 18. She said serving as the board student representative has been a great experience and that she learned a lot during the year.

The board recognized Ms. DeVries for her school and community involvement and achievements and thanked her for serving as the student representative.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee member, reported that the committee met on April 25 and received an update on the 2023-2024 school year calendar. Two options were presented, with a third option that included an additional inservice day in February. Each option includes 171 student contact days, 14 inservice days and 1 collaboration day. The option beginning on September 5, 2023, and ending on May 31, 2024, was preferred. The committee also received employee handbook and appendix updates. The next meeting is scheduled for June 27.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on April 18. The committee received an update on the review of the School Sponsored Publications and Productions board policy. They also reviewed options for the 2023-2024 school year calendar, which were shared earlier in the Operations Committee meeting recap. The committee received an update on the Education for Employment Plan, the Middle School schedule, and a proposal to offer orchestra as a club for 4th grade students. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20.

Ms. Panzer recommended approval of option 3 of the 2023-2024 school year calendar, which was a modification to option 2, that includes an additional inservice day in February. The option still includes 171 student contact days, 14 inservice days, and 1 collaboration day.

Panzer moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the 2023-2024 school year calendar as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

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

Board members recognized teachers and staff in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked them for all they do every single day. They recognized staff for years of service milestones. The re-elected incumbent board members were acknowledged and new board member Mr. Dornfeld was welcomed to the board. They recognized Sadie DeVries and Luke Diljak for receiving the Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce Emerging Leader awards.

Mr. DiStefano recognized Mr. Duesterbeck and the students involved in Prom, those taking AP exams, and the students who will be honored at Senior Awards and Scholarship night.

Kraus 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 and employee groups, and to discuss negotiation strategy, and pursuant to 19.85(1)(c), (f), and (g) for the purpose of discussing a pending employee complaint and the performance and contract of an individual employee. The board will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees and employee groups, negotiation strategy, a pending employee complaint, and the performance and contract of an individual employee. No action was taken during closed session.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following resignations and retirement: Stephanie Buss-School Counselor-High School (Resignation effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Stephen Guenther-Behavioral Specialist-District (Resignation effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Heidi Mehan-Grade 5 Teacher-Washington Elementary School (Resignation effective end of the 2021-22 school year); Ken Jacob-Custodian-Middle School (Retirement effective 7/8/22); Katie Matthews-Art Teacher-Elementary Schools (Resignation effective end of the 2021-2022 school year); Lisa Vann-English Language Learner Coordinator-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2021-22 school year); and Allison Wirth-English Language Arts Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2021-22 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leaves of absence: Dan Hallman-Physical Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 3/21/22-4/13/22) and Jolene Holtan-Special Education Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 4/18/22-5/2/22).

The motion was adopted by majority vote.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following appointments: Rachel Carlson-Art Teacher-High School; Amber Hopp-Art Teacher-Elementary Schools; Elise Krause-Literacy Support Teacher-Middle School; Richard Lauterbach-Physical Education Teacher-High School; Ashely Placik-English Language Arts Teacher-Middle School; and Daniela Tovar-English Language Learner Teacher-Middle School.

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

Jorgensen moved, Kraus seconded, to authorize the board president to work with legal counsel and proceed as discussed in closed session

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

Mr. DiStefano presented the list of tentative 2022 High School graduates for certification.

Spielman moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the list of tentative 2022 graduates as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano presented updates to board policies 5410-Promotion, Placement, and Retention and 5460-Graduation Requirements for first reading.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #465, #466, #467, and #468) for District Credit Card, District Insurances, ACH File, Manual Check, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, Health Savings Account (District), Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, and Health/Dental Insurance for a total of \$3,490,575.05. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

/s/

Chad Prieve, President

/s/

Marge Jorgensen, Clerk