

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

**August 12, 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. President, Mr. Prieve, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Isaac Dornfeld, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Heather Scholz, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Maria Mason.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 8, 2024 as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to remove Item 8.4 High School Girls Golf Trip Request from the agenda.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, explained that the district receives a number of benefits by adopting a payor agent. This also improves the district's bond rating. He presented a recommendation for the board to approve a resolution appointing Associated Trust Company, National Association to serve as Fiscal Agent in connection with the district's Outstanding General Obligation Debt.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, the board approve a Resolution Appointing Associated Trust Company, National Association to Serve as Fiscal Agent in Connection with the District's Outstanding General Obligation Debt.

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

Mr. DiStefano, District Superintendent, presented initial resolution language for the board to authorize general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$107,000,000. He explained that this resolution and the next resolution are returning in response to the direction the board provided last month. He stated the initial resolution authorizing general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$107,000,000 reads as follows: BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Beaver Dam Unified School District, Dodge County, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$107,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a new Middle School building and campus, including community and athletic space improvements; construction of additions, renovations and building infrastructure improvements at Washington Elementary School; district-wide

safety, security, ADA accessibility, recreation and site improvements; possible removal of all or part of the existing Middle School building; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Jorgensen moved, Kraus seconded to adopt an Initial Resolution Language For The Board To Authorize General Obligation Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$107,000,000.

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

Mr. DiStefano presented a resolution providing for a referendum election on the question of the approval of an initial resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$107,000,000. He read the resolution for the board's consideration into the record and Exhibit B which details the question associated with it and that will be presented on the ballot. WHEREAS, the School Board of the Beaver Dam Unified School District, Dodge County, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$107,000,000" and; WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the Initial Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on November 5, 2024. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District as follows: Section 1. Referendum Election Date. The District Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the Initial Resolution shall be approved. Section 2. Notice to Electors. The District Clerk is directed to give notice by: (a) causing a Notice to Electors in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the Daily Citizen within ten days after the date hereof. (b) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in the Daily Citizen in the issue published on the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election. Exhibit B, he stated for clarification, represents the question which would be seen on a ballot, it reads: Shall the Beaver Dam Unified School District, Dodge County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$107,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a new Middle School building and campus, including community and athletic space improvements; construction of additions, renovations and building infrastructure improvements at Washington Elementary School; district-wide safety, security, ADA accessibility, recreation and site improvements; possible removal of all or part of the existing Middle School building; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment? (c) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C to be published in the Daily Citizen in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day. If any of the municipalities within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit C shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day. Section 3. Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections. Section 4. Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election. Section 5. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D. The District Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as

specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official responsible for providing the ballots for the election, and the District Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District, as soon as possible after the date hereof but in no event later than 70 days prior to the election, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 52 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes. The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters. Section 6. Canvass. The returns of the referendum election shall be canvassed by the Board of Canvassers of each municipality within the District. Each Board of Canvassers shall certify the returns of the referendum election to the District Clerk. The District Clerk and two other reputable citizens appointed by the District Clerk prior to the date of the referendum election shall act as the District's Board of Canvassers for this referendum election. This Board of Canvassers shall meet in open session no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election to determine the result of the referendum election. The canvass shall be open to the public and the District Clerk is directed to give due notice of said meeting. Section 7. DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 120.115(1), Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with copies of the Initial Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Initial Resolution and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded the board adopt a Resolution Providing For A Referendum Election On The Question Of The Approval Of An Initial Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$107,000,000.

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

Mr. Prieve stated that the approval of the resolutions is another example of the investment being made to provide students the safest and most efficient learning environment. Not only will it strengthen the community, but it will also save money on future building repairs. These improvements will create opportunities for hands-on learning, access to advanced technology, agricultural education, modernized classrooms, and ensuring students are well prepared for their future careers. The district is also committed to engaging local sub-contractors through the process, keeping tax payer dollars in Dodge County, and putting our residents to work. He thanked the board for their approval of the resolutions.

Mr. Prieve announced that the Operations Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee did not meet since the last board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23.

Mr. DiStefano announced that there will be a board workshop on August 19 to review District Strategic Actions and School Success Plans.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in since the last board meeting.

Mr. Prieve announced that board members recently completed a board self-evaluation survey and presented the board evaluation data for discussion.

Board members recognized staff and students involved in the community theater summer productions.

Mr. DiStefano recognized the new teachers and buddy teachers who support them and the administrators and support staff for their support for new teacher week. He acknowledged the FFA program and local 4H clubs for advancing agri-science and business. He wished them well at the county fair. The Robotics program, which is student-led, did a great radio interview recently and are wonderful representatives of the school community.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees, and employee groups.

Kraus moved, Kuntz seconded, to reconvene into open session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following resignations: Shauna Cahill-School Counselor-Jefferson Elementary School (resignation effective end of the 2023-24 school year) and Mikayla Smith-English Teacher-High School (resignation effective 7/12/24).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leave of absence request: Lauren Dornback-Special Education Teacher-Middle School (Medical Leave 1/10/25-4/14/25).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Alicia Bishop-Grade 1 Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTS 8/27/24-11/4/24); Rhonda Boyd-English Language Arts Teacher-High School (LTS 8/27/24-11/25/24); Sawyer Breselow-English Language Arts Teacher-Middle School; Casey Conger-Social Studies Teacher-High School (LTS 8/27/24-11/4/24); Yvonne Davidson-Science Teacher-Middle School; Casandra Frentzel-Grade 4 Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School; Kayla Haupenthal-Math Teacher-Middle School; Molly Houlihan-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School; Emily Kaddatz-Science Teacher-High School; Julie LaBorde-Kindergarten Teacher-Washington Elementary School (LTS 8/15/24-11/18/24); Wendy Landvatter-Grade 5 Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School; MacKenzie Tischler- Special Education Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTE); and Mackenzie Truttmann-Grade 3 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTS 9/12/24-12/12/24).

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

Tyjeski moved, Kraus, Jr. seconded, the board adopt the new Title IX policy as presented, as well as the updates to the district's existing Title IX Policy in accordance with the new Federal requirements.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano reviewed policy updates from Neola for first reading. The policies will be presented for final reading at the September regular board meeting.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #575, #576, #577, #578, #579, #580, and #581) 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, Health Savings Account (District Benefit), Wisconsin Retirement System, and District Insurances for a total of \$6,033,891.58. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

/s/  
*Chad Prieve, President*

/s/  
*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*