

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

August 9, 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, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Lisa Panzer.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 12, 2021, and special meeting on July 19, 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.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, reported on the district's cash-flow borrowing needs for 2021-2022. She reviewed the district's line of credit use for the past three years and explained the process used to obtain proposals for a line of credit. She reviewed the proposals from two local banks and recommended accepting National Exchange Bank & Trust's proposal. She presented a resolution to authorize cash flow borrowing not to exceed \$4,000,000 and reviewed the next steps.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, accept the proposal from National Exchange Bank & Trust and adopt a resolution authorizing a taxable tax and revenue anticipation promissory note for cash flow purposes in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

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

Dr. Schieffer, Director of Pupil Services, presented the year-end Special Education and Pupil Service report. She shared data on students receiving services, services provided by staff, and other activities.

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to accept the report as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Dr. Schieffer presented the 2020-21 Seclusion and Restraint Report required by State Statute. She reported the number of incidents for each school and the total number of students involved, and the number of students with disabilities who were involved in the incidents.

Jorgensen moved, Tyjeski seconded, to accept the annual District Seclusion and Restraint Report for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Dr. Schieffer reported on the services provided by the district's Health Services Department and activities for the 2020-2021 school year.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to accept the annual District Health Services Report for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, presented the COVID Response Update for 2021-2022. He provided updates on protocol guidance and prospective protocols, and outlined prospective district mitigation efforts. He explained that regular weekly meetings with the Dodge County Health Department have resumed along with monitoring of COVID data for the district boundary. He shared that the Dodge County Health Department supports the district's layered approach and supports masking for all indoors. The district's plan aligns with approaches from area and regional school districts. He explained the plan has to be open and subject to updates, and it supports flexibility, promoting vaccinations, and providing testing. He reviewed each area of the plan for protocols and mitigation efforts, and reviewed other considerations and reminders regarding plan review, parent/family preparation, and online learning. He emphasized for families to have a plan in place in the event that schooling may need to move online temporarily.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the Return to Learn Plan as presented.

The motion failed by the following vote: Aye – Kraus, Kuntz, Prieve, and Tyjeski. No - Klatt Spielman, Beal-Loeck, and Jorgensen.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the Return to Learn Plan without making a decision on the masking updates.

The motion was adopted by a 7-1 vote.

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal, presented a trip request from the High School FFA to travel to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, from October 26-30, 2021.

Spielman moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the FFA request to travel to attend the National FFA Convention pending COVID trends.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Tronsen presented information for possible trips for the High School Orchestra to travel to Nashville or Memphis and New Orleans and the High School Choir to travel to New York City. Both of these trips will be in March of 2022. The trip requests will be presented for approval once the details are determined.

Board members commented on the welcome message for new teachers and thanked administrators and staff for the amount of work that went into hiring them.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, thanked the new staff, buddies and mentors, and administrators for their work during the Administrative Academy. He thanked Dodge County Emergency Management Beaver Dam Fire, Police and EMTs, Waupun School District, and Waupun Police and Fire for their work on shared preparedness efforts. He also thanked parents who reached out regarding the Return to Learn Plan.

Ms. Jorgensen reported the Operations Committee met on July 19 to select a Committee Chair. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27 immediately following the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting.

Ms. Beal-Loeck, in the absence of the Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet in July and the next meeting is scheduled for September 27.

Board members shared their perspectives from the board workshop on district student discipline. They expressed appreciation for the work that went into the information provided.

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

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

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Beal-Loeck moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following resignations: Blasia Riege-Special Education Teacher-Wilson Elementary School (Resignation); Sydney Schaeffer-Special Education Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Resignation); Ivy Schears-Grade 2 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Resignation); and Jamie Sterns-Grade 6 English Language Arts Teacher (Resignation).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the following appointments: Jeffrey Massen-Physical Education Teacher-High School; Kirsten Storhoff-Special Education Teacher-High School (LTE); and Ruth Traver- Grade 2 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School.

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

Dr. Schieffer, Director of Student Services, presented the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Special Education Model Forms and Policies and Procedures Manual for adoption. She explained the district has been following this model for a number of years and boards are required to adopt this model on an annual basis.

Tyjeski moved, Kuntz seconded, to adopt the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Special Education Model Forms and Policies and Procedures Manual as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #426, #427, #429, and #430) for ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, Health Savings Account (District), Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, Payroll Related Voucher, BDUSD OPEB Trust, District Health Insurance, and Wisconsin Retirement System for a total of \$4,895,904.21. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Spielman moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

/s/
Chad Prieve, President

/s/
Marge Jorgensen, Clerk