

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

September 18, 2023

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

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 14, 2023, and special meeting on August 21, 2023, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to amend the agenda to move Item 8.2 High School Out of State Field Trip Requests to Item 8.1 and move Item 8.1 Facilities Management Plan Update to Item 8.2.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adopt the agenda as amended

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gerber, High School Associate Principal/Activities and Athletics, introduced the out of state trip requests for High School student organizations and athletic teams for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Schroeder, High School DECA Advisor, and DECA students presented trip requests for their organization for the 2023-2024 school year.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the DECA trip requests as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ganske, High School FFA Advisor, and a FFA student representative, presented the trip requests for the FFA for the 2023-2024 school year.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the FFA trip requests as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Kraus moved, Dornfeld seconded, to approve the GAPP German exchange trip request as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Key Club trip request as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the performing arts trips requests as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Dornfeld seconded, to approve the overnight athletic trip requests as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Representatives from Plunkett Raysich Architects and CG Schmidt presented a Facilities Management Plan update. They reviewed previous facility studies and projects and the next phase. They reported that CG Schmidt reviewed the capital maintenance needs and is developing preliminary plan options for Washington Elementary School and the Middle School. Planning efforts are focused on creating spaces that are forward looking and flexible to meet the changing needs of students and community. They reported that all school sites are being studied for opportunities to improve community access, increase safety, and improvements to outdoor play areas. They shared that opportunities for staff and community engagement are being planned as part of the process.

Mr. Gerber presented a request for approval of the High School Girls Hockey Coop. He explained that Waupun High School will be joining the coop this year, which also includes Dodge, Horicon, Columbus, Mayville, and Wayland Academy.

Tyjeski moved, Mason seconded, to approve the High School Girls Hockey coop as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Woreck, District Facility and Safety Officer, presented a bid for snow removal for the 2023-2024 school year.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to award the snow removal contract for the 2023-2024 school year to Griswold Excavating & Construction, LLC as presented.

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

Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, presented a donation from the Leave Your Legacy group in the amount of \$125,000 to cover any general fund expenses associated with lighting the high school baseball field. The lighting project had been identified as part of the district's 5-year Facility Plan to enhance access and opportunity for high school programs and increase the ability

for community use. He requested the board approve receipt of the donation and authorize the administration to use the funds and other available funds associated with community accessible enhancements in order to complete the baseball field lighting project identified on the 5-year facility plan.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve receipt of the donation and authorize the administration to use the funds and other available funds associated with community accessible enhancements in order to complete the baseball field lighting project identified on the 5-year facility plan.

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

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet in August and the next meeting is scheduled for September 25.

Mr. Prieve reported that the Teaching & Learning Committee did not meet in August and the next meeting is scheduled for September 25.

Mr. Prieve provided a summary of the board's School Success Plans and District strategic Actions workshop. Board members shared their perspectives from the workshop.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in.

Mr. Prieve recognized Ms. Jorgensen for achieving Level 5 recognition from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards. This is the highest level a board member can achieve.

Board members recognized the entire district staff for a great start to the school year, families, staff, & students for their efforts during the upcoming homecoming week, the Middle School for receiving a NLGA \$500 STEM grant, and the Beaver Dam High School Boys Soccer team for volunteering for the Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, recognized Aubrey Lehman for qualifying for nationals in Powerlifting and Mr. Woreck, District Facilities & Safety Officer, for officially earning WASBO facility certification.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, the board recess into closed session per 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.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following resignation: Rob Essig-Associate Principal-High School (Resignation effective 10/27/23).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Michael Kelly-Special Education Teacher-High School (Family Medical Leave 10/16/23-10/31/23); Brooke LaCrosse-English Teacher-High School (Family Medical Leave 4/23/24-6/3/24); Tim Ladron-Physical Education Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 9/27/23-10/19/23); and Emily Loberger-English Language Arts Teacher-Middle School (Medical Leave 2/28/24-end of 2023-24 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Anne Ambrosius-Kindergarten Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School (20% FTE); Casey Conger-Science Teacher-High School (LTS 9/29/23-10/23/23); Brianna Drake-Burmania-4K Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTS 9/5/23-11/20/23); James Geurts-Science Teacher-Middle School; Stanley Walker-Grade 4 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School; and Tim White-Physical Education Teacher-High School (LTS 9/27/23-10/19/23).

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

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #531, #532, #533, #534, and #535) for District Credit Card, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Health Savings Account (District), Met Life, Newport, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, District Insurances, AmerFunds, AXA Roth, Sec Benefit Life, and Checking for a total of \$4,059,844.71. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Kraus moved, Kuntz seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

/s/ _____
Chad Prieve, President

/s/ _____
Marge Jorgensen, Clerk