

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

September 20, 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, 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.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 9, 2021, and special meetings on August 16 and August 25, 2021, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve read the requirements of public comment. He requested that everyone be respectful and maintain civility. He reminded those who registered for public comment to direct their comments to the board and not individual board members or staff members.

Kraus moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to adjust the time limit for public comment to 3 minutes per registered participant.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Several individuals spoke regarding mask requirements.

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.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, provided an update on the Return to Learn Plan. He reported that the district meets weekly with the Dodge County Health Department and reviewed the COVID-19 metrics and data related to cases in district boundaries. He said there are no significant changes to guidance updates from the CDC, AAP, DHS or DPI and reviewed the current guidance. He reviewed COVID activity specific to the district and other Dodge County school districts. He reviewed future adjustments that are being considered, which include improving distancing opportunities, increasing mask break opportunities, and adjusting mask requirements to being recommended and not required for students participating in intense physical activity.

Ms. Gehring, Director of Activities and Athletics, explained that part of the donation received from the Gall Family in memory of Matthew Gall was to establish an arboretum. She explained that the district property south of the varsity softball field and east of the varsity baseball field needs to be designated as a school forest vs. an arboretum to receive special funding and additional donations.

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, that the area be planted with trees as a school forest.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Gehring presented a request for the High School Band and Choir to travel to New York City, NY, from March 11-16, 2022. She requested permission to keep exploring and planning for the trip. She explained that it is unknown at this time if they will be able to take the trip.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the request to continue planning.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, presented a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from Reed Chrysler to be used to support student services organizations/groups that are involved in providing community outreach.

Spielman moved, Jorgensen seconded, to accept the donation as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Woreck, District Safety Officer, presented the bids for snow removal for the 2021-2022 school year. He recommended awarding the snow removal contract for all district facilities to Griswold Excavating.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the snow removal contract as presented.

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

Mr. DiStefano thanked the students and staff involved in planning homecoming on October 4-8. He also thanked staff and the administrative team for the work they did to start the school year and the focus on District Strategic Actions and student growth and achievement. He thanked the BDEA for not generating any pressure regarding the Return to Learn Plan and respecting the board's decision.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27 immediately following the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet and the next meeting is scheduled for September 27.

Mr. Prieve provided a brief summary of the board workshop on School Success Plans and District Strategic Actions. Board members thanked the administrators for the efforts they put into plans for their schools to create successful options for their students.

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

Beal-Loeck moved, Spielman 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, 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.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the following resignations: Michele Armentrout-Associate Principal-Middle School (Resignation); Erica Avila-ELL Coordinator-District (Resignation); and Sarah Becker-School Counselor-Prairie View & Wilson Elementary Schools (Resignation).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leaves of absence: Holly Hornback-Spanish Teacher-Middle School (Family Medical Leave 3/12/22 – end of the 2021-22 school year); Kelsey Schulz-Early Childhood Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Family Medical Leave 2/21/22-5/20/22); Carmen Scott-Speech & Language Pathology-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 9/7/21-10/17/21); and Kendra Yadro-Grade 5 Teacher-Washington Elementary School (Family Medical Leave 2/16/22-4/30/22).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following appointments: Ed Huff-Special Education Teacher-Wilson Elementary School (LTS); Mara Jonet-Speech & Language Pathologist-District; Mandy Nesheim-School Counselor-Elementary Schools ((LTE); Rose Premo-Grade 6 Teacher-Middle School (LTS); Cassandra Ronning-Special Education Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTE); Jayne Schuett-Grade 6 Math and ELA Teacher-Middle School; and Allison Voeller-Associate Principal-Middle School.

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

The board policy updates were presented for first reading. They will be presented for adoption at the October regular board meeting.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #431, #432, #433, #434, #435, and #436) for Insurances, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, Health Savings Account, DOR, Payroll Related Voucher, Fidelity, Franklin, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, and District Insurances for a total of \$4,732,052.84. (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, Kraus, and Kuntz. No - None.

Kraus moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

/s/ _____
Chad Prieve, President

/s/ _____
Marge Jorgensen, Clerk