Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Operations Committee Meeting January 27, 2025

A meeting of the Operations Committee of the Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center beginning at 6:15 p.m. Board Committee members present: Isaac Dornfeld, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., and Joanne Tyjeski. Absent: None.

Mr. Marshall, District Facilities & Safety Officer, and Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, presented a list of proposed projects for Summer 2025. Projects have been identified in the district's 5-year facility plan as well as district-wide safety, security, ADA accessibility, recreation, and site improvements as part of the referendum funding. These projects will be completed in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years. Projects include work at Jefferson, Prairie View, and Wilson Elementary Schools, the High School and ESC, along with other district-wide projects. A recommendation to approve the list of projects will be presented to the board in February.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, shared the Referendum Projects Monthly Update for January. It includes information on what is new, project team updates, budget/finance updates, and key dates and milestones. The updates will be shared with the public on a monthly basis.

Mr. DiStefano provided an update on board policy 9160 regarding the requirements for groups or organizations to possess alcohol on school premises for a specific date or event. He reviewed background information and explained that for the district to grant a group or organization the right to possess alcohol on District premises, the Board would need to take action, pursuant to Board Policy 0131.1, to modify the prohibition against alcohol possession set forth in Board Policy 9160. He will present a recommendation to the board for consideration at the February regular board meeting.

Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, provided an explanation of a bond issuance in relation to the referendum. The finance plan currently projects borrowing the \$107 million in three phases with the option to condense that to two phases depending on interest rates and project timelines. Phase I totals \$27 million. A resolution will be presented to the board for consideration at the February regular board meeting.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2025.