

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

**November 18, 2024**

A special meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center. Vice-President John Kraus, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Isaac Dornfeld, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Maria Mason, Lisa Panzer, Heather Scholz, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Chad Prieve.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, and Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, presented on topics related to facilities planning. They reviewed the current and future state of district facilities, including the 5-Year Facility Plan, 10-Year Forecast, and what the annual maintenance budget will include going forward. Once the referendum projects are completed, the district will have 4 elementary schools, 1 Middle School, and 1 High School. The goal is to remove the old Middle School from the district rolls within 1 calendar year of the end of the referendum projects. The average age of the buildings at the end of the project will be 50 years. The project timelines for Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects at Washington Elementary School, the new Middle School, and district-wide improvements were shared. Stakeholder involvement will include staff engagement and input from emergency responders and Department of Homeland Security. Details were provided on financial timelines along with the funding and finance plan.

A list of items for board input and decision points were reviewed, which include the finance plan, schematic design, bond issuances, core decision team members, monthly board meeting updates, and an updated 5-Year Facility Plan. Community members and parents will have an opportunity for public feedback through info sessions. The district will also engage with property neighbors regarding pathways and the perimeter, and provide for student engagement. The next steps involve formalizing meeting calendars, identifying board members for the Core Decision Team, updated targets and timelines as needed, finalized finance plan, initial phase of work at Washington Elementary, and summer maintenance projects.

Board members shared ideas on reporting progress to the board, school site visits, communication plans, and they provided feedback on the process.

Tyjeski moved, Kuntz seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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*Chad Prieve, President*

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*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*