

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

**May 13, 2024**

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, Mr. 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, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Heather Scholz, and Joanne Tyjeski Board members absent: None.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 8, 2024, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Dykstra, High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Advisor, presented a request to travel to Seattle, WA, to for a qualifying student to participate in the National Leadership Conference from June 29-July 3, 2024.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the FCCLA trip request as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Sponholz, Director of Student Services, presented a recommendation to approve 29 open enrollment applications into the district for the 2024-2025 school year, pending records request responses. She recommended approval of 41 applications for 39 students applying to transfer out of the district for the 2024-2025 school year.

Jorgensen moved, Dornfeld seconded, to approve the open enrollment applications for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, presented a donation from the Leaving Your Legacy group in the amount of \$12,500 to be used toward safety related improvements, including small scale fencing and bullpens at the softball and baseball fields.

Dornfeld moved, Kuntz seconded, to accept the donation as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Espinoza, High School Student Representative, reported on High School and student organization activities and events taking place in May. She shared the many activities involving senior students culminating with graduation on June 2.

Board members thanked Ms. Espinoza for the great reporting she did throughout the school year and presented her with a certificate of service and a gift.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee met on April 22. They received updates on district insurances, the 2023-2024 budget, and the budget forecast for 2024-2025. The next meeting is scheduled for June 24.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on April 22. They received information on service learning and an update on the curriculum review process. The next meeting is scheduled for June 24.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in since the last board meeting.

Board members welcomed Ms. Scholz for her first meeting and to the school board. They also recognized those involved with the Middle School Day of Service, the Leaving Your Legacy group for their continued support, the local PTOs for their efforts to recognize staff during teacher appreciation week, and the Music Department for receiving the Best Community in Music Education Award from the NAMM Foundation for the second consecutive year. They acknowledged Principal Day, School Nurses Day, Speech Pathologist Day, and expressed appreciation all staff and retiring staff.

Mr. DiStefano recognized the class of 2024, staff, advisors, coaches, and community members who are a part of the current celebrations and events. He congratulated Dr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, for receiving his Doctor of Education Degree.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, the board recess into closed session 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 and employee groups, and to discuss negotiation strategy, and Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(f) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Specifically, for the purpose of: Discussing and taking action, if appropriate, regarding the issuance of a final notice of consideration of contract non-renewal under Wis. Stat. §118.22, to a teacher. Discussing and taking action, if appropriate, regarding the resignation of a teacher.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees, negotiation strategy, and final notice of non-renewal.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following resignations: Emily Corazzini-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Resignation effective end of the 2023-24 school year); Abigail Howland-Special Education Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Resignation effective end of the 2023-24 school year); Mallory Lindert-Physical Education Teacher and Counselor-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2023-24 school year); Natalyn Nelson-Teacher of Hearing Impaired-District (Resignation effective end of the 2023-24 school year); Abigail Schmitt-Dean of Students-High School (Resignation effective 6/30/24); and Ryan Yuds-English Language Arts Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2023-34 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Samantha Bannach-Social Studies Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 8/19/24-11/1/24); Kelsey Clark-Kindergarten Teacher-Washington Elementary School (Medical Leave 8/15/24-11/18/24); Katelyn Dwyer-Associate Principal-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 9/5/24-12/2/24); Rodnika Montoya-English Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 8/28/24-11/25/24); Francois Musonera-Spanish Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 9/9/24-10/21/24); Hannah Stortz (Trevarthen)-Grade 3 Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Medical Leave 9/12/24-12/12/24); and Paul Wilson-Principal-Washington Elementary School (Medical Leave 7/10/24-7/31/24).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Dominick Ackerman-Math Teacher-Middle School (2024-2025 school year); Kristen Bahr-Special Education Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School (2024-2025 school year); Dan Hallman-Physical Education Teacher-Washington Elementary School (LTS 8/26/24-11/27/24); Morgan Kuckkahn-Speech & Language Pathologist-District (2024-2025 school year); Louann Mantei-Grade 2 Teacher-Wilson Elementary School (LTS 4/29/24-end of the 2023-24 school year); Mihcal McClelland-Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (2024-2025 school year); Katrina Pokorny-English Language Arts Teacher-Middle School (LTS 4/29/24-end of the 2023-24 school year); Abigail Schmitt-Associate Principal-Middle School (2024-2025 school year); Jenna Sether-Program Support Teacher-Middle School (2024-2025 school year); and Brad Westergaard-Music Teacher-Middle School (.75 FTE 2024-2025 school year).

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

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to issue final notice, in writing, in accordance with Wis. Stat. §118.22, as discussed in closed session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal, presented the list of tentative 2024 High School graduates for certification.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to certify the list of tentative 2024 graduates as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #562, #563, #564, and #565) for District Credit Card, ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, AXA Roth, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Met Life, Sec Benefit Life, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, Manual Check-Reed Chrysler, and District Insurances for a total of \$3,631,854.34. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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*Chad Prieve, President*

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*Marge Jorgensen, Clerk*