

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

Operations Committee Meeting

June 22, 2020

A meeting of the Operations Committee of the Board of Education was held virtually on the above date at 5:30 pm. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Marge Jorgensen, Tony Klatt, and Joanne Tyjeski.

Ms. Beal-Loeck was selected as the Committee Chair.

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, provided an update on the Jefferson Elementary School renovation project. The project is on schedule with costs running a bit higher than planned. Costs will be mitigated and the budget will not need to be increased. A walk through with board members will be scheduled in August. Board members are welcome to schedule an individual walk through prior to then.

Ms. Malkovich provided an update on the status on the 2019-2020 budget. The audit is scheduled to be completed remotely the week of July 20. The budget is on track to finish with a small surplus, which could be used early in the 2020-2021 budget. The 2020-2021 preliminary budget will be presented to the board in July based on the information available at the time. There are still many unknowns at this time especially with the State budget and possible amendments. The budget will be prepared to be adjusted if necessary. Staff compensation remains a budget commitment. The tennis court plans are being finalized and the bids were over budget. The plans have been adjusted to lower the cost and maintain the quality of the project. A large portion will be funded from Fund 80.

Ms. Malkovich recommended no changes to student fees for the 2020-21 school year. She provided background information on meal prices, including funding requirements and meal reimbursement rates. She recommended increasing lunch prices by \$.10 and milk prices by \$.05. Breakfast prices will have no change.

Ms. Malkovich and Mr. Woreck, District Facility and Safety Officer, reported on damage caused by a wind storm on June 2. The most significant damage was to the bleachers and fencing on the west side of the High School stadium. The bleachers and press box were scheduled to be replaced as part of the 5-year facility plan with funding to be by fundraising and donations. The insurance company has determined the bleachers are a complete loss and have valued them at \$320,000 due to age. With the short timeline for replacement, the district has to identify funding for the remaining cost. The previous bleachers provided 1600 seats. Three options were presented, each which included ADA accessibility and storage. Option 1 costs \$809,000 and includes 1500 seats with no option for future expansion. Option 2 costs \$796,000 and includes 1500 seats with the option to expand and it provides a wider walkway than option 1. Option 3 costs \$926,000 and includes 2000 seat with no option to expand. The bleachers on the east side of the stadium will remain. The district is looking for this to be at least a 25-year commitment. Funds from the approved facility plan can be used and the plan re-evaluated in the fall after the Jefferson project is completed. A second option is to use fund balance, however with the uncertainty of the State budget it would be wise to reserve fund balance for any uncertainties. A reduction in fund balance

will also negatively affect the district's bond rating. The committee provided guidance and insight giving permission for administration to proceed with option 2 for the bleachers with the understanding that it will be funded from the facility plan. The project and funding will be presented at the July regular board meeting for action.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 27.