

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

**Operations Committee Meeting
June 26, 2023**

A meeting of the Operations Committee of the Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center at 6:30 p.m. Board Committee members present: Isaac Dornfeld, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., and Joanne Tyjeski.

The committee received the board standing committee guidelines to review.

Marge Jorgensen was selected as Committee Chairperson

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, provided a budget update which included an overview of the approved state biennial budget as it relates to K-12 education. She reviewed current district budget realities that include an anticipated increase to the district's revenue limit authority due to the increase in the low revenue ceiling, using some remaining ESSER funds to close a potential budget deficit, CPI for 2023-24 collective bargaining is 8%, the health insurance renewal is -5%, and other expenses (utilities/transportation) will increase by 5%. She reported that the district's shared costs will be higher due to the Fund 39 debt defeasance, which will positively impact the district's 2023-24 equalization aid. This is not an increase in revenue, it will only change the share of funding from the state v. property taxes due to the revenue limit. She reviewed staffing budget impacts and additional considerations related staffing, ESSER funds, and equalization aid.

Ms. Malkovich presented meal prices and student fees information. She explained that 2022-2023 was the first year that families had to pay full price for meals since the end of the federal COVID programs. Participation decreased in 2022-2023 and there was an increase in family account negative balances. She recommended no change to meal prices for the 2023-24 school year and to focus on ensuring that families who are eligible for assistance complete an application, encouraging families to become current on their meal accounts, and maximize participation in meal programs. In addition, the administration recommends no changes to other student fees in the district (registration, activities/athletics, etc.). These recommendations will be presented to the board for action at the July regular business meeting.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 25.