

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

Operations Committee Meeting

January 25, 2021

A meeting of the Operations Committee of the Board of Education held on the above date at the Educational Service Center at 5:30 p.m. Board members present in person or virtually: Bev Beal-Loeck, Marge Jorgenson, Tony Klatt, and Joanne Tyjeski.

Dr. White, Director of Human Resources, presented adjustments to the 2021-2022 school year calendar that have an impact on staff. The professional development offerings will be imbedded into the calendar rather than being required before and after the school year. The offerings will be more aligned with the district's strategic plan. She reviewed the inservice dates and blackout days, which are days that staff are not allowed to be absent. The February inservice day will change to allow staff to have off in the afternoon to make up for the required half day training prior to the school year. The day before Thanksgiving will be a Digital Distance Learning day and families will be allowed more flexibility with parent-teacher conferences. The start and end date of the school year, along with the major break dates, remain as originally scheduled. Planning for a possible virtual schedule is in progress.

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, and Dr. White shared a proposal from the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation to establish a fund within the BDACF to support education in the district. They reviewed the types of possible projects that teachers would be able to apply for as a grant from the Foundation. They explained how donations can be made to the Foundation and that the donations will not be part of the district budget. The funds will be non-endowed, which will allow the actual money donated and interest to be used for the purpose intended. The committee supported the administration proceeding with this. The district's legal counsel will be consulted to ensure legal policies and procedures are followed.

Ms. Jansma, Associate Principal Prairie View Elementary School/District 4-Year Old Kindergarten Coordinator provided an overview of the 4-Year Old Kindergarten program for the 2021-22 school year. She reviewed options for additional sites. One option is to add to an AM section at Wilson Elementary School and the other option is to add a section to Jefferson Elementary School. The preliminary projected enrollment shows there is a geographical need in the Jefferson neighborhood. She shared the benefits and costs associated with starting a section at Jefferson Elementary School. She reviewed staffing and explained the changes to the registration process.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2021.