Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Operations Committee Meeting

June 28, 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: Gary Spielman and Joanne Tyjeski.

The committee reviewed the Board Standing Committee Guidelines.

The committee will select a chair person at the next meeting when all committee members are present.

Ms. Malkovich, Director of Business Services, provided a budget update. She explained that the district's 2020-2021 budget was relatively normal compared to other fiscal years. Additional pandemic related expenses will be offset by grant funding. A small increase in the general fund from grant funding will allow the district to meet its long-term financial goals. She reviewed the district's 2021-2022 preliminary budget and the State Joint Finance Committee's budget plan. Expenses will increase due to staff wages, health insurance increases, new teaching and learning and student services staffing related positions, transportation costs, and utility costs. Property taxes are expected to be lower due to restricted revenue limits and increased state aid, which will decrease the amount of projected per pupil aid. She recommended no increase to student fees and reported that breakfast and lunch will again be free for all students for the 2021-22 school year. She recommended no change to any other meal prices. The preliminary budget will be presented to the board on July 12 and will include the most accurate state budget information that is available. The 2021-2022 original budget will be brought to the board in October.

Mr. Woreck, District Facility and Safety Officer, provided an update and overview of summer projects. The largest portion of projects will be completed at Lincoln Elementary School. Washington Elementary School is will receive updates and repairs along with projects at the Middle School, Jefferson, Prairie View, and Wilson Elementary Schools. The athletic fields and tennis courts are ahead of schedule and on budget.

Dr. White, Director of Human Resources, provided an update on staffing for the 2021-2022 school year. She reviewed the certified staff vacancies, which increased by 1.0 FTE at the elementary level, 3.0 FTE at the middle school level, 1.0 FTE at the high school level, and 4.0 FTE at the district level.

The committee is not scheduled to meet in July or August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27.