

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

**October 22, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Marge Jorgensen. Board members present were Bev Beal-Loeck, Jim Jansen, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent were Lisa Panzer.

Ms. Jorgensen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 17, 2012, and two special meetings on October 15, 2012, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Jorgensen welcomed visitors.

There were no requests from the public to participate in public comment.

Tyjeski, at the request of the President, announced the board may move into closed session following the regular meeting in accordance with State Statute Section 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; specifically to discuss compensation variables within the special education and technology departments. The meeting will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Paul Buchholz, Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, he will review the construction bids for the Prairie View Elementary School project with CG Schmidt and they will begin the selection process. He provided an update on the status of permits.

Representatives from CG Schmidt presented a safety plan for the Prairie View Elementary construction project. A large fence will surround the construction area and construction traffic will use the new driveway, which will separate it from bus and car traffic.

There was discussion regarding the fence, potential traffic congestion, and the DNR permit.

Mr. Buchholz said the project will begin on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Before digging begins, the new driveway will be constructed and some playground equipment will be moved.

Ms. Jennifer Tunks and Mr. Oriel Combs, High School German Language Teachers, presented a request to travel to Germany in June 2013 through the German-American Partnership Program (GAPP). Students will fundraise to offset the cost and there will be no cost to the district. They reviewed the application process and expectations.

There was discussion regarding the number of students, school attendance requirements while in Germany, and chaperone/student interaction and activities.

Tyjeski moved, Lerwick seconded, to approve the request for the GAPP trip to Germany in June 2013 and to begin fundraising.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, presented the Youth Option requests for the 2012-2013 second semester. He requested approval of 18 students requesting 33 courses.

There was discussion regarding the location and time of courses, comparable courses, similar curriculum, and budgeted costs.

Kraus moved, Lerwick seconded, to approve the Youth Option requests as presented.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes – Jansen, Jorgensen, Kraus, Lerwick, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, and Beal-Loeck. No-None.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Superintendent, provided an overview of the DPI school report cards for the district. The Don Smith Learning Academy was not rated because there weren't enough students to rate and Trenton Elementary School didn't have a consistent amount of students in the closing gaps area to be rated. Of the 9 schools receiving report cards, all schools met expectations and 4 exceeded expectations. He reviewed the updated information and report cards on the district website. He said it's important to remember that the student's skills and abilities have not changed, it's the benchmark that has changed.

Discussion focused on standardized testing, future report cards, schools scoring below expectations or failing to meet expectations, growth model grade levels, anticipated use with teachers, and the excitement around the conversations.

Ms. Jorgensen recognized High School Teachers Melissa Hemling and Kira Jacobson for getting temporary use of an Electron Scanning microscope. The High School is the only one in the country to have the opportunity to have it on site. She also shared that High School Physics Teachers Tom Letkewicz and Dylan Ziegler will be presenting at a national conference.

Mr. Spielman said he attended a Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) personnel and employment law workshop and when he shared the information with Ms. Bliefernicht, she was already aware of it and working on items. He recognized her for her diligent work.

Mr. Vessey explained that school board members have professional growth opportunities and earn points with the WASB allowing them to move to different levels. He recognized Joanne Tyjeski for advancing to Level 2 and Marge Jorgensen for advancing to Level 3. He said the value of professional growth and growth through it can't be underestimated. It helps to provide background to make good decisions.

Mr. Vessey recognized the High School SWAZZ group for their performance at the Schools of Recognition Awards Ceremony. They were the only group to perform and did exceptional.

Ms. Jorgensen added that they received recognition from the DPI for their performance and behavior. She also congratulated Lincoln Elementary School for their award.

Ms. Beal-Loeck, Chairperson of the Accountability Committee, reported the committee met on September 24<sup>th</sup>. They received a report from Health Services on the nursing services provided during the 2011-12 school year and an update on delinquent lunch fees. The committee received information on snow removal bids and discussed the bid process. The committee recommended contracting with Johnnie's 66 for snow removal at Prairie View, Trenton, and South Beaver Dam Elementary Schools and the DSLA parking areas and playgrounds; A.A. Roedl Excavating for Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, and Wilson Elementary Schools, Middle School, High School, and ESC/IMC to A.A. Roedl Excavating; and the Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, Wilson Elementary Schools and Middle School sidewalks to Paradise Landscaping.

Beal-Loeck moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the snow removal contracts as presented.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes – Jorgensen, Kraus, Lerwick, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, and Jansen. No-None.

There was discussion regarding exploration of all student health service options. The Executive Committee will discuss placing this on a future Accountability Committee agenda.

Ms. Tyjeski, Chairperson of the Planning Committee, reported the committee met on September 24<sup>th</sup> and received a presentation on the Middle Level College Experience, which is a partnership with MPTC for 10 students to attend part-time and have the opportunity for a paid internship. The committee received a request to name the tennis courts, however, board policy prohibits the naming of facilities until the individual is no longer employed by the district. The request was tabled until the individuals are retired. The board will resume the Coffee Chats on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Edith's Cakes and Catering.

Beal-Loeck moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the following resignation: Mariah Derke-Food Service Worker-District (Resignation effective 9/14/12).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Samantha Panetti-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher-Middle School (Medical Leave 12/10/12-4/1/13); Nicole White-Associate Principal-High School (Medical Leave 2/24/13-6/12/13); Diane Radmer-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher-Washington Elementary School (Medical Leave 2/2/13-5/6/13); and Catherine Ernst-Speech & Language Pathologist-Wilson Elementary School (Leave 10/15/12-1/11/13).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Kraus moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Shelly Ehlenbeck-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTE-46 days); Jane Randerson-Reading Coach-District (LTE-30 days) (20% FTE); Dusty Johnson-Lunch/Playground Supervisor-Prairie View Elementary School (LTE-161 days); Holly Barstow-Teaching Assistant-Lincoln Elementary School; Megan Scullin-Physical Education Teacher-Middle School (LTE-33 days); and Joel Scott-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher-Middle School (LTE-49 days).

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes – Kraus, Lerwick, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, Jansen, and Jorgensen. No-None.

Mr. Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, proposed the adoption of the 2012-2013 district budget and certification of the tax levy as presented at the Annual Budget Hearing. The net total budget is \$48,586,530, with an estimated Fund 10 (general operations) surplus of \$107,031 that is designated as assigned fund balance. The total school tax levy for 2013 equals \$13,345,056.00, a reduction of \$350,614 from last year.

Tyjeski moved, Prieve seconded, for the approval of 2012-2013 Beaver Dam Unified School District budget with general operating revenues totaling \$36,833,447 and expenditures totaling \$36,726,416, and net expenditures all funds totaling \$48,586,530 and a total school property tax of \$13,435,056 to be levied on taxable property within the school district.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes – Lerwick, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, Jansen, Jorgensen, and Kraus. No-None.

Beal-Loeck moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #68, #69, #70, #71, #72, #73, and #74) for District Credit Card, Net Payroll, Payroll Related Voucher, Payroll Taxes, Trust Advantage, WI Retirement, District Insurance, Coaches Net, Net Payroll-Derke, Dues, and R & D Fees for a total of \$5,046,667.63 (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes – Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, Jansen, Jorgensen, Kraus, and Lerwick. No-None.

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, the board move into closed session in accordance with State Statute Section 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; specifically to discuss compensation variables within the special education and technology departments. The meeting will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Ayes – Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, Jansen, Jorgensen, Kraus, Lerwick, and Prieve. No-None.

During the closed session, there was discussion regarding special education and technology department compensation. No action was taken during closed session.

Spielman moved, Jansen seconded, to reconvene into open session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Spielman moved, Jansen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Marge Jorgensen, President*  
/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Bev Beal-Loeck, Clerk*