

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

**November 21, 2011**

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, Dan Feuling, Jean Hill, Marge Jorgensen, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent were Kim Darst.

President, Marge Jorgensen, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hill moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 31, 2011, and a special meeting on November 7, 2011, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Jorgensen welcomed visitors.

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

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Paul Buchholz, Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, provided an overview of the Emergency Operations and Crisis Response Plan for Schools, which is the federally mandated plan that the school districts in the Safe Schools/Healthy Student Consortium, along with law enforcement, a fire department, and Dodge County Emergency Management created. A request for adoption of the plan will be made at the December regular board meeting.

Ms. Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented a proposal to add High School courses for the 2012-2013 school year. The new courses are AP Music Theory, AP Government and Politics, and Infant & Toddler Development, which is transcribed with MPTC. The courses are in line with district dashboard goals and were discussed with the high school's leadership team. A request for adoption will be made at the December regular board meeting.

Discussion focused on the length of the courses, grade level requirements, and course elimination, which would be determined by student enrollment.

Ms. Garbowicz reported on the work of the Math Committee. She thanked the committee for their diligent work. The recommendation is for a K-12 scope and sequence of curriculum. They discussed the implementation of the Common Core Math Standards and their impact on the K-12 curriculum. The committee considered two plans and recommended the plan without the honors courses. The Common Core Math Standards being adopted by the state do not articulate an honors track of math. The district would have to write its own course content for each honors course. The traditional math labels will be used for the courses. A request for adoption will be made at the December regular board meeting.

There was discussion regarding honors courses and teacher and student accountability to meet higher standards.

Mr. Andrew Sarnow, Director of Business Services, presented a recommendation to purchase two new student vans, which are in the budget. One of the old vans will be retrofitted to replace a maintenance van. He also recommended implementing an identified replacement cycle, as well as a vehicle check-in/check-out and maintenance procedure. A request for adoption will be made at the December regular board meeting.

Discussion focused on bussing options, insurance, and student activities use.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Superintendent, opened discussion for the Student Achievement Goals Report. Administration will move forward with the plans set in the report.

Mr. Vessey recognized the High School Academic Decathlon team for their success in the CESA competition and announced they will compete at regionals in January.

Ms. Tyjeski announced three seats are up for election. The incumbents are Dan Feuling, Marge Jorgensen, and Gary Spielman. The deadline for incumbents to file non-candidacy papers is December 23, 2011. The deadline for members of the public to file candidacy papers is January 3, 2012.

Mr. Chad Prieve, Chairperson of the Accountability Committee, reported that the committee has not met since the last regular board meeting. The next meeting is November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and the agenda topics include Counseling Grant Implementation, Food Service Report, and Technology Update.

Ms. Bev Beal-Loeck, Chairperson of the Planning Committee, reported that the committee did not meet since the last regular board meeting. The next meeting is November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They have been discussing a feasibility study time line and she requested feedback from board members. She asked Mr. Vessey to provide an update on the progress for November.

He reported the November items will be completed. The timeline will be posted on the district website. It includes future community linkages and open houses to present the study results.

Panzer moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the following retirement: Tom Flock–Custodian–Middle School (Retirement effective 7/1/11).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Hill moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the following leave of absence extension request: Heidi Sorensen Nelson–Teaching Assistant–Prairie View Elementary School (Family Medical Leave extended to 1/1/12).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Hill moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the following appointment: Melissa Schultz–6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher–Middle School (LTE-65 days).

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

Beal-Loeck moved, Hill seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #18, #19, and #20) for Net Payroll, Payroll Related Voucher, Payroll Taxes, Trust Advantage, Wisconsin Retirement System, WI Retirement System (Admin.), WI Retirement System (Adjustment), and BDEA Union Dues for a total of \$2,476,433.13 (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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*Marge Jorgensen, President*

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*Joanne Tyjeski, Clerk*