

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

June 18, 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, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent were Jean Hill.

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

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 21, 2012, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Jorgensen welcomed visitors.

During public comment, Gary Soldner shared his concerns about the possible closing of Trenton Elementary School. He suggested adding two classrooms to Trenton instead of adding them to Prairie View. He urged the board to consider keeping Trenton open.

There were no announcements.

Beal-Loeck moved, Spielman seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, presented a request for the High School Spanish Class to begin fundraising for a trip to Spain in June 2013, after graduation. Approximately 9-12 students will participate and it's open to all interested Spanish class students. There is no direct cost to the school district.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the fundraising efforts to begin for the High School Spanish Class trip in June 2013.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Andrew Sarnow, Director of Business Services, presented a request for short-term borrowing in the amount of \$6M and explained the need for the annual request.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Superintendent, explained that this is not the same as the borrowing for the facilities projects. It's a coincidence that the amounts are the same.

There was discussion regarding the need to borrow due to the timing of the revenue from the State.

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,000,000 Note Anticipation Notes Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(B), Wisconsin Statutes.

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

Mr. Sarnow presented a recommendation to approve a 0% increase with Johnson Transportation for the 2012-13 school year and a 3% increase for the 2013-14 school year. Bids will be pursued for the 2014-15 school year. The information is the same as presented at the committee meeting. This amount is already in the contractual obligation with Johnson Transportation.

Kraus moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to adopt the recommendation to renew the contract with Johnson Transportation as presented.

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

Mr. Sarnow requested approval of the breakfast fees increase and waiving them for free and reduced lunch students.

Panzer moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the breakfast price increases as presented to align with guidance from the DPI and federal government to allow a more consistently delivered breakfast at all district sites.

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

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to waive the fee for students who qualify for free meals and 30 cents for the reduced price.

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

Mr. Sarnow shared that the 2011-12 budget amendments have been presented to all board members through committee meetings. The current year budget is balanced. He provided a brief overview of the preliminary 2012-13 budget. There are many unknowns for the 2012-13 budget and information is updated as it becomes available. A balanced budget will be presented for 2012-13.

Beal-Loeck moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adopt the proposal to approve the 2011-12 budget amendments as presented.

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

Mr. Sarnow presented a recommendation to select Taher, Inc. as the Food Service Management company for the 2012-13 school year, with up to 4 additional single year contracts determined annually.

Mr. Vessey added two districts were visited and the students at the district using Taher said the food was good. The students at the district using another service said the food was not good. The management with Taher was very good and the other company's management was not well prepared and was inconsistent.

There was discussion regarding consistent food choices for all schools, educating students on good food choices, chef services, and program management.

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to adopt the recommendation to select Taher, Inc. as the Food Service Management company for the 2012-13 school year with additional one year contracts for 4 years as presented.

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

Mr. Vessey said that current employees will remain employees of the district and that will not change. New staff will be hired through Taher.

Mr. Vessey requested approval of the proposal to close Trenton Elementary School at the end of the 2012-2013 school year; move Trenton kindergarten to Prairie View Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year; add a minimum of six classrooms to Prairie View; complete remodel of three high school science lab classrooms in summer 2013; and hire Plunkett and Raysich Architects to complete the architectural work for both the Prairie View and High School building projects.

Mr. Vessey said he appreciated Mr. Soldner's comments and those options were explored. He shared he received very few comments from the many meetings, radio shows, news stories, and website.

Discussion focused on the lack of feedback, educational concerns, new Prairie View enrollment, parking issues at Prairie View, and working with Plunkett and Raysich.

Beal-Loeck moved, Panzer seconded, to adopt the recommendation as presented to close Trenton Elementary School at the end of the 2012-2013 school year; move Trenton kindergarten to Prairie View Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year; add a minimum of six classrooms to Prairie View; complete remodel of three high school science lab classrooms in summer 2013; and hire Plunkett and Raysich Architects to complete the architectural work for both the Prairie View and High School building projects.

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

Mr. Vessey said the board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19th to approve the sale of the bonds for the projects.

Mr. Vessey announced Andrew Sarnow's resignation as Director of Business Services and thanked him for his time and service to the district. He shared that a parent received a comment from a counselor at UW-Madison who said that with the positive direction Beaver Dam is moving, their child would have no problems with advanced courses. Out of 15 students being

accepted into the Honors College at UW-Milwaukee, 3 students were Beaver Dam High School graduates. No other district had multiple students being accepted. Gary Spielman was recognized with a service award for 21 years of service.

Ms. Jorgensen announced that Jean Hill resigned effective July 1st and thanked her for her service.

Ms. Tyjeski congratulated all of the students moving on after graduation.

Mr. Vessey shared that the Don Smith Learning Academy graduated their largest class ever.

Ms. Beal-Loeck, Chairperson of the Accountability Committee, reported that the committee met on May 29th and received an overview of the budget and an update on the progress of the technology project and preparations for the Middle School electrical upgrade project. They discussed the new board policies related to the superintendent evaluation process and timeline. It will be completed at the end of July or early August.

Mr. Vessey said there will be no committee meetings in June. A meeting with both committees will be scheduled in July to discuss the end of the year goals report. He also shared that the superintendent evaluation survey is ready for board members to complete and he will send out the link. He said the new board policies are now online.

Ms. Tyjeski, Chairperson of the Planning Committee, reported that the committee met on May 29th and received an overview of the 2012-13 proposed budget. They also received updates on the Johnson Transportation contract and food service management outsourcing. The Greener Future project continues to raise funds and the location of the classroom will be determined in the future.

Ms. Jorgensen explained that with the resignation of Jean Hlil, the deadline for letters of interest for the board vacancies was extended to June 15th. A total of six candidates have filed letters. The new members will take the oath of office and be seated at the July 16th regular board meeting. Both seats will be up for election in April 2013. One seat will be for a 1-year term and the other will be for a 3-year term. She asked board members to email possible interview questions to Mr. Vessey.

The dates to conduct interviews were discussed and they will be on June 28th and July 2nd beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Spielman moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the following resignations: Beth Lynn–CASH Program Tutor–High School (Retirement effective 8/27/12); Lori Keiser–Science Teacher–High School (Resignation effective end of the 2011-12 school year); Jacquelyn Topp–Science Teacher–High School (Resignation effective end of the 2011-12 school year); Andrew Sarnow–Director of Business Services (Resignation effective 8/21/12); and Aaryn Faust–6th Grade Science Teacher–Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2011-12 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following leave of absence request: Lindsey Poirier-5th Grade Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave effective 10/22/12-1/2/13).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Panzer seconded, to approve the following appointments: Abigail Bordak-Music/Chorus Teacher-Middle School; Elizabeth Morell-Math Teacher-High School; Stacy Sweetalla-7th Grade Reading/Language Arts Teacher-Middle School (LTE-189 days); Sue Shore-Family and Consumer Education Teacher-High School; Tim Winker-Math Teacher-High School; Derek Sweger-Special Education Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School; Rebekah Tajnai-Special Education Teacher-High School; Amanda Otradovec-Spanish Teacher-High School (80% FTE); Patrice Vossekui-Safe School/Healthy Student Grant Director; and Colleen Pariso-Health Teacher-Middle School (LTE 189 days).

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

Panzer moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to adopt board policy 6235 Fund Balance as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Prieve seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #49, #50, #51, and #52) for District Credit Card, District Insurance, Net Payroll, Payroll Related Voucher, Payroll Taxes, Trust Advantage, and BDEA for a total of \$3,913,822.52 (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Tyjeski moved, Prieve seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

/s/
Marge Jorgensen, President

/s/
Bev Beal-Loeck, Clerk