

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

June 21, 2010

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

President, Ms. Beal-Loeck, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 regular board meeting and June 2 and June 10, 2010 special meetings; adopt the agenda as presented; and approve payment of claims in the amount of \$5,169,978.46. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

The motion was adopted by the following vote: *Ayes* – Feuling, Jorgensen, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, and Beal-Loeck. *Nayes* - None.

Ms. Beal-Loeck welcomed visitors.

There were requests from members of the public to participate in the public comment session. Chuck Sena spoke about concerns with the high school block schedule and requested for the concerns to be addressed. Heidi Freeby thanked the board for listening and talked about the lack of a GATE program at the Middle School. She said there are parents who want to work with the district and asked to keep them informed. Rose McDonald expressed concerns with the Advanced Placement program, high school block schedule and low test scores. She encouraged the board to work with parents and the community to get the high school back into the top 20-25%.

Ms. Beal-Loeck thanked everyone for speaking and said the board shares the same concerns. The board will be working with administration to address issues. She asked the community to let board members know how best to be in touch with them, as to what may work other than monthly meetings. The board wants to make strides in communicating with the community.

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

Dr. Don Childs, Superintendent, recognized Bev Beal-Loeck for her 15 years of service and presented her with a years' of service award.

Ms. Tonya Gubin, Lincoln Elementary School Principal, introduced fifth-grade students, Melanie Knight and Jessica Dunday to share their experiences from the 5th grade field trip to the MacKenzie Center. They thanked the board for letting them take the trip

Dr. Robert Gilpatrick presented the results of the evaluation of the High School Block Schedule. He thanked the board for the opportunity to work with students, staff, and parents. He explained that he focused the effort on the framework of scheduling students for what works best for students in Beaver Dam. He said Beaver Dam is a small community caring about their kids that wants nothing but the best. The issue is to find the best way to learn and use it as an opportunity to work with community. He thanked the board for the opportunity to work with them.

There was discussion regarding the AP exam and courses and the possible effect of the block schedule on enrollment.

Dr. Childs presented the following requests for approval: renewal of the trash hauling/recycling contract with Veolia at an annual cost of \$24,528.04; purchases of a riding line-painter for athletic fields at \$13,915 and a high school floor-scrubber at \$13,265.01.

Dr. Childs presented a proposal to contract with Kompas Care to provide Medicaid billing services. Board action will be requested at the July regular board meeting.

There was discussion on the number of eligible students, eligibility criteria, and services that will be provided.

Mr. Jesse Peters, Alternative School Principal, shared background information on what lead Don Smith, former Director of Pupil Services, to create the Charter School.

Dr. Childs presented the 2010-2013 Information and Technology Plan for approval. He explained that the plan must be board approved and DPI approved for the district to qualify for state and federal subsidies.

There was discussion regarding the committee's focus, plan updates, and partnerships.

Dr. Childs provided an overview of the budget requests being presented for approval, including the revised 2009-10 budget, the 2010-11 preliminary budget, and the annual budget hearing date.

Dr. Childs requested to temporarily remove item 7.9 – Insurance Bids from the omnibus motion to cover the personnel portion of it in closed session and then act on it after closed session.

There was discussion regarding designation of unspent funds, fund 73, OPEB, and fund balance.

Mr. Andrew Sarnow, Director of Business Services, provided information on the short-term borrowing resolution and shared that he is currently exploring other borrowing options.

Dr. Childs provided an overview of the End-of-Year Ends Monitoring Report. He explained there is sufficient evidence that progress is being made toward the academic, life skills, and citizenship board ends policies, but that more progress needs to be made. The report will return for further discussion and board action at the July regular board meeting.

Ms. Beal-Loeck shared the board committee assignments for 2010-2011.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Director of Human Resources, responded to questions regarding elementary class sizes and teacher-to-student ratios and the impact of the implementation of SAGE at Washington Elementary School. The board requested an update on enrollments for the July regular board meeting.

Dr. Childs requested to remove item d – WASB membership renewal and item e – NSBA membership renewal since the information has not been received. It can be brought forward at the July regular board meeting for action.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the renewal of the trash-hauling and recycling contract with Veolia for 2010-11 in an amount not to exceed \$24,528.04; the purchase of a riding field-liner at a cost not to exceed \$13,915; the purchase of a floor scrubber at a cost not to exceed \$13,265.01; the renaming of the Alternative School to the Don Smith Learning Academy, effective July 1, 2010; the 2010-13 Information & Technology Plan and file it with the State Department of Public Instruction before June 30, 2010; the designation of National Exchange Bank as the District Official Depository; amend the Fiscal Year 2010 budget as presented; the preliminary FY 2011 budget as presented, including estimated revenues of \$50,018,689 and expenditures of \$50,031,189, reflecting an estimated tax rate increase of 3% to \$9.13, and authorize the publication of the budget in time to meet the statutory deadlines for a budget hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16, 2010 at the Educational Service Center, 705 McKinley Street, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; the short-term borrowing as recommended by the Director of Business Services, including adoption of the resolution as presented and its attachment to the minutes of this meeting; resignations and retirements as presented; leaves of absence as presented; and appointments, as presented.

Short Term Borrowing Resolution: Resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in amount not to exceed \$5,000,000; issuance of tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes; and participation in the Wisconsin School Districts Cash Flow Administration Program.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: *Ayes* – Feuling, Jorgensen, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, and Beal-Loeck. *Nayes* - None.

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

The motion was adopted by the following vote: *Ayes* – Jorgensen, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, and Feuling. *Nayes* - None.

Ms. Beal-Loeck thanked Dr. Childs for his service to the district and his expertise and mentorship. She wished him well and presented him with a gift from the members of the board of education.

During the closed session personnel items, administrative and exempt staff compensation, and board self-evaluation were discussed. No action was taken during closed session.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Jorgensen moved, Panzer seconded, to contract with EMC/M3/Richards Agency for liability, errors and omissions and other necessary insurances as listed in an amount not to exceed \$268,545.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: *Ayes* – Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, Beal-Loeck, Feuling, and Jorgensen. *Nays* - None.

Jorgensen moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

/s/
Beverly Beal-Loeck, President

/s/
Joanne Tyjeski, Clerk