

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

**July 16, 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 Clerk, Bev Beal-Loeck. Board members present were Bev Beal-Loeck, Jim Jansen, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, and Gary Spielman. Board members absent were Marge Jorgensen, Chad Prieve, and Joanne Tyjeski.

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

Spielman moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 18, 2012, and special meetings on June 19, June 28, and July 2, 2012, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Beal-Loeck welcomed visitors. She welcomed new board members Jim Jansen and Laura Lerwick.

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

There were no announcements.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Rebecca Glewen, Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (GRAA) Coordinator, presented data from the Youth Risk Behavior survey completed by high school students regarding alcohol use, suicide, bullying, and harassment. GRAA is doing a variety of activities to address these issues.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Superintendent, provided an overview of the Middle Level College Experience the district will participate in with Moraine Park Technical College beginning in January. It is an opportunity for at-risk 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in an industrial co-hort. Students will attend regular classes at the high school in the morning and take industrial focused courses at MPTC in the afternoon. Students will be placed in an internship the summer after their junior year and it will continue into their senior year. They will finish the program with 21 credits from MPTC. A total of 10 students can participate and the program is funded by the Department of Workforce Development.

Mr. Vessey distributed the end of the year Student Achievement Goals report, which the board will discuss the report with principals on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Vessey presented the annual CESA contract for renewal. The employment of a behavior teacher is being shifted from the district to CESA. The teacher will be a behavior coach to support EBD special education programming.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the CESA contract for 2012-13 in the amount of \$228,980.05.

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

Mr. Vessey recognized Mary Pat Boschert and Mary Vogl-Rauscher for their fundraising efforts to build a greenhouse at the High School. They have raised nearly all the funds and the location needs to be decided to determine a final cost. The board will need to take action once the final cost is determined. He presented three sites to consider and the pros and cons of each site.

There was discussion regarding the size of the structure, the aesthetics, accessibility, and the impact on athletic fields.

Mr. Vessey thanked the Generating a Greener Future group for their drive and passion for the project.

Ms. Mary Vogl-Rauscher explained that they can't provide complete financials until they have a decision on the site. She said that WDS Construction has donated all general contracting services.

Mr. Vessey said that communication will continue with coaches and science teachers and that there are many people invested in this project.

Ms. Beal-Loeck thanked the Generating a Greener Future group for their work.

Mr. Vessey provided a summary of the waiver from the Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) that Wisconsin was granted by the Federal Department of Education. With the waiver there will now be three areas of emphasis: College and Career Readiness, Achievement Accountability, and Principal and Teacher Evaluation. Full implementation of the common core standards in math and language arts is required, which the board already approved for math. The WKCE test will be replaced by the Smarter Balanced Assessment, which will be used to measure proficiency. The WKCE cut scores will change this fall raising the bar for proficiency. The ACCESS test for ELL students will be shifted to ASSETS. Graduation requirements will increase to 3 years of math and science, which the board previously adopted. Districts will be required to use EXPLORE, PLAN, and ACT for assessments and each student will need an AP experience. The district is already using these assessment tools and the AP piece is in place. Adequate Yearly Progress will be replaced by an accountability index in the areas of student achievement, student growth, closing gaps, and on-track graduation/postsecondary readiness. Each school in the district will receive a report card with a score and one of 6 ratings. The new requirements are advantageous to district since credit is now given for student growth progress and progress with closing the achievement gap. The district has had 2 years of progress on the dashboard goals putting the district in a good place to focus on student achievement.

There was discussion regarding other states with waivers and the benefits of the waiver.

Mr. Vessey recognized the Conservation Club and the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Trap Team for advancing on to the state competition.

Ms. Beal-Loeck shared dates for upcoming meetings. The end of the year student achievement goals report discussion with principals will be on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., the superintendent evaluation will be August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., and the board goals workshop will be on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., which will

follow the executive committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. There will be no Accountability or Planning Committee meetings in July or August.

Panzer moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following resignations: Janelle Harrison-Special Education Teacher Assistant-Lincoln Elementary School (resignation effective end of the 2011-12 school year); Katie Marquardt-Food Service Worker-Lincoln Elementary School (resignation effective end of the 2011-12 school year); and Paul Loebel-Technology Education Teacher-High School (resignation effective end of the 2011-12 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

There were no leave of absence requests.

Mr. Vessey presented the appointment of Robert Avery to the Director of Business Services position. He shared his educational and employment background.

Panzer moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Robert Avery-Director of Business Services; Mallory Lindert-Physical Education Teacher-District (86%); Jason Gerber-Science/Biology Teacher-High School; Bob McDonald-Alternative Education Teacher-DSL (LTE-194 days); Jeffrey Butters-Science/Chemistry Teacher-High School; Alison Loizzo-Grade 2 Teacher-Washington Elementary School; Melody Scott-Grade 1 Teacher-Washington Elementary School (LTE-96 days); Diane Stier-Business Education Teacher-High School (LTE-34 days); Emily Bille-Kindergarten Teacher-South Beaver Dam Elementary School; Vanessa Korn-Early Childhood Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School; Alex Walker-Special Education Teacher-Middle School; and Thada Clements-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School/District.

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

Panzer moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #53, #54, #55, #56, and #57) for District Credit Card, District Insurance, Net Payroll, Payroll Related Voucher, Payroll Taxes, WI Retirement (Admin), WI Retirement, and Trust Advantage for a total of \$3,944,292.42 (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Panzer moved, Spielman seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

/s/  
*Marge Jorgensen, President*

/s/  
*Bev Beal-Loeck, Clerk*