

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

September 19, 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, Kim Darst, Dan Feuling, Marge Jorgensen, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent were Jean Hill.

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

Mr. Prieve requested to amend the minutes from the August 15, 2011, regular meeting to reflect the line of credit in the amount of \$3,000,000 was approved with National Exchange Bank & Trust, not National Bank & Trust.

Spielman moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 15, 2011, as amended, and special meetings on August 15 and September 12, 2011.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Jorgensen welcomed visitors.

Ms. Jorgensen read the guidelines for public comments.

During the public comment session, Gary Thiel spoke about the support he received from the district during a recent family health issue. He expressed concerns from the Beaver Dam Support Staff Association about rumors of splitting current open full-time positions. They feel it will be difficult to maintain the quality of work if positions are split and they want to maintain the high quality of work.

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 the superintendent's professional goals flowing from the superintendent's evaluation. The meeting will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Bill Greymont, High School Associate Principal, and Becky Rudie, High School Boys Swim Team coach, presented a funding proposal for the High School Boys Swim Team. The team has been self-funded for the past two years through fundraisers. The cost to fund the program is approximately \$4,500 per year.

Discussion focused on the types of fundraisers, boys and girls sports equity, athletic participation numbers, season timeframe, and grade participation.

An update on the Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (GRAA) activities was presented by Ms. Becky Glewen, Project Director. They are building community ties and are working collectively with the Sheriff, Social Services, and the Ministerium, as well as continuing with activities in the schools and community.

Dr. Barb Link and Mr. Jesse Peters, Elementary School Principals, provided a recap of the 2011 summer school program. A few new remedial courses were offered and others were expanded. District interventions were used for struggling students who made gains during summer school.

There was discussion regarding the shift to having classes later in the summer, reading programs, and driver's education participation.

Mr. Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, presented a proposal for the 2012 high school graduation date to be on Sunday, June 3, 2012. He explained the process and rationale for selecting the date. He recommended, going forward, graduation be held on the Sunday before the last day of school if the last day is on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday and on the Sunday after the last day if the last day is on Thursday or Friday. Action will be requested at the October regular meeting.

Mr. Paul Buchholz, Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, presented proposals for snow removal services for the 2011-2012 winter. Action will be requested at the October regular meeting.

Mr. Andrew Sarnow, Director of Business Services, presented a proposal for debt refinancing. The district has an opportunity to refinance debt at a lower interest rate with a projected savings of \$179,215 over the next 11 years. Action will be requested at the October regular meeting.

Discussion focused on fees and equitable savings relating to the interest rate.

Mr. Sarnow presented a resolution to gain the authority to borrow funds on a short-term basis to aid cash flow throughout the year. The projected need is \$5.5 million.

Panzer moved, Darst seconded, to approve a resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 for a period not to exceed one calendar year; 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 – Darst, Feuling, Jorgensen, Panzer, Prieve, Spielman, Tyjeski, and Beal-Loeck. No - None.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Superintendent, requested approval of the technology department staff reorganization plan as previously presented.

Tyjeski moved, Darst seconded, to approve the technology department staff reorganization plan as presented.

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

Mr. Vessey recognized Lincoln and South Beaver Dam Elementary Schools as 2011-2012 Wisconsin Schools of Recognition award recipients. South Beaver Dam Elementary is the only school in the district and the county to have received the honor for three consecutive years. Both schools will receive a \$5,000 grant. He congratulated the staff, students and parents of the two schools and also the entire learning community.

The board extended their congratulations as well.

The board recognized the High School Link Crew, the Middle School 6th Grade Camp, and the schools for holding open houses before the beginning of the school year, which relieved some of the beginning of the school year anxiety of students and parents.

Mr. Chad Prieve, Chairperson of the Accountability Committee, reported the committee discussed response to AODA issues with regards to suspensions and expulsions of students. They will review it further once the NEOLA policies are approved. They also discussed resuming the board Coffee Conversations which will be held on the 1st Thursday of each month from 7 am – 8:30 am at Edith's Café. Evening conversations are also being discussed. The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Bev Beal-Loeck, Chairperson of the Planning Committee, reported the committee received an update from the Generating Greener Future group, which is looking to raise \$175,000 to donate to the district for construction of a greenhouse. The feasibility study will look at the best location and maintenance costs. The feasibility study will begin in mid-September and be completed in 3-4 months. The committee received an update and draft of the Emergency Management Plan. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26 at 7 p.m.

Tyjeski moved, Panzer seconded, to approve the following resignations: Judy Polzin–Food Service Worker–Washington Elementary School (Resignation effective 9/23/11) and Kitty DeMeester–Library Media Assistant–Lincoln Elementary School (Resignation effective 9/8/11).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Darst seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Shanalyn Vertz–Kindergarten Teacher–Lincoln Elementary School (Medical Leave 10/29/11-1/17/12); Vicki Popp–4 yr. old Kindergarten Teacher–Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 1/22/12–4/10/12); Heidi Sorensen Nelson–Teaching Assistant–Prairie View Elementary School (Family Medical Leave 9/6/11-11/6/11); Dawn Wippermann–3rd Grade Teacher–Wilson Elementary School (Medical Leave 11/3/11-1/30/12); and Aaryn Faust–6th Grade Teacher–Middle School (Medical Leave 12/13/11–3/23/12).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Beal-Loeck moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the following appointments: Nicole Smith–Special Education Teacher–Lincoln Elementary School (LTE-189 days); Rebecca Schultz–Food Service–District; Nancy Braaksma–Food Service–District (LTE); Amy Friedl–21st Century Learning Community Site Manager–Lincoln Elementary School (80% FTE); Victoria Boese-ELL Tutor–Jefferson and Wilson Elementary Schools (LTE–62 days); Shelly Ehlenbeck–4th

