

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

February 18, 2013

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: Bev Beal-Loeck, Jim Jansen, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: None.

Ms. Jorgensen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 14, 2013, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Jorgensen welcomed visitors.

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

Tyjeski, at the request of the President, announced the board will recess into closed session per Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (c) and (f) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, the board will consider legal advice regarding the resignation of an employee as it relates to statutory guidelines. The Board may reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Vessey, Superintendent, shared that the Washington Elementary School Choir has been selected to perform at the State Capitol on March 12. The choir performed.

Ms. McKinney, Spanish Teacher, presented a request for an overnight trip to Chicago, IL, to attend Fiesta Latina from Friday, March 15-Saturday, March 16. The trip offers students the opportunity to experience Hispanic culture and the Spanish language.

Kraus moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the trip request as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Maron, Wilson Elementary School Principal, presented an annual request for 5th grade students at Lincoln, Wilson, and South Beaver Dam Elementary Schools to attend an overnight field trip to the MacKenzie Environmental Center by Poynette, WI.

Lerwick moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the trip request as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Peters, Summer School Elementary Principal, reported on Summer School 2013. The Elementary, High School, and Middle School programs will run from 6/17/13-7/19/13. Summer School will be held at Washington Elementary School this year due to construction at Prairie View Elementary School. The Don Smith Learning Academy will run from 6/10/13-6/21/13. An August booster session will run from 7/29/13-8/16/13, which will provide literacy and math support for students needing help and possibly some opportunities for gifted and talented students.

There was discussion regarding bussing and parochial schools.

Mr. Greymont, Associate Principal-Athletics, requested the board accept a \$3,000 donation from the Beaver Dam Athletic Club for sound system upgrades in the High School gym, a \$1,000 donation from the John Deere Foundation for the Robohackerz Robotics Club, and a \$250 donation from the Family Youth Interaction Zone for the boys swim team.

The board also recognized the donors for their donation of time to the various programs.

Tyjeski moved, Jansen seconded, to acknowledge and accept the donations as listed.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Vessey added that Positively Hoops uses the gyms and always donates new equipment and other items. They recently donated new backboards and the labor to install them at the Middle School.

Prieve moved, Jansen seconded, to change the meetings of the regular monthly board meeting to the second Monday of each month beginning in March 2013 and excluding October.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Vessey shared that 45 people from businesses and school districts from Dodge County attended a Business-Education Summit partnership meeting on how to better link with educators and manufacturers. He recognized High School Science teachers Tom Letkewicz, Dylan Ziegler, and Melissa Hemling who will be presenting at national science conferences this year. He announced that Prairie View Elementary School received a Wisconsin Title 1 High Progress School Award from the DPI. He also recognized Jan Hansen for finishing 2nd and 3rd in his events at State Swim meet.

Ms. Beal-Loeck, Chairperson of the Accountability Committee, reported the committee met and received a schedule of monthly administrative reports and discussed the budget, including periodic amendments that need to be made to reflect changes in circumstance.

Beal-Loeck moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the mid-year budget amendments as presented.

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

The committee also received the 2nd quarter budget report and a draft of the employee handbook. Ms. Beal-Loeck shared the upcoming building tours and said any available board members should attend. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Tyjeski, Chairperson of the Planning Committee, reported the committee discussed the 2013-14 calendar and asked Mr. Vessey to review the changes.

Mr. Vessey explained the process for creating the calendar and the changes. The late start dates for professional development have been replaced with two full-day inservices and an early release has been added for Homecoming to allow students to attend the parade. There is still a week for Christmas and Spring breaks.

There was discussion regarding moving the January 20th inservice day to January 24th and the impact on the semester break.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the 2013-14 school year calendar as presented with the change for the January inservice day moving from January 20 to January 24.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Tyjeski said the committee discussed the Prairie View Elementary School roof and explained that the new addition is being roofed to the valleys and they need to further discuss it.

Mr. Vessey reported that there's been a lot of discussion about what to do with the rest of the building and how to address the EIFS (Exterior Insulation & Finish System) problem. A report will be shared with the committee at the next meeting.

Ms. Tyjeski also shared that the committee discussed strategic planning and the districts that presented at the State Education Convention will meet with the board on March 18th at 5:30 p.m. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Board members shared information regarding the sessions they attended at the State Education Convention. All board members were able to attend this year and appreciated the opportunity for board development. They commended Mr. Vessey for his presentations and said he is a great representative for the district. Mr. Avery was also recognized for presenting at the convention.

The board recognized the retiring teachers for their service.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the following resignations/retirements: Jeneen Carnes-Music Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2012-13 school year); Colleen Foster-Speech & Language Pathology-Washington Elementary School

(Retirement effective end of the 2012-13 school year); Randine Harr-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2012-13 school year); Ellen Garner-School Counselor-High School (Retirement effective end of the 2012-13 school year); Jeff Rohr-5th Grade Teacher-Wilson Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2012-13 school year); and Kathy Beranek-5th Grade Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Retirement effective end of the 2012-13 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Lisa Ackley-Grade 3 Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 5/8/13-6/6/13) and Ashley Rahmer-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 4/14/13-end of the 2012-13 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Kraus moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the following appointments: Melody Scott-Grade 1 Teacher-Washington Elementary School (LTE-64 days) and James Sprenger-Teacher Assistant-Don Smith Learning Academy (LTE).

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

Panzer moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the following final notices of non-renewal (LTEs): Stacy Sweetalla-7th Grade Reading/Language Arts Teacher- Middle School (LTE-189 days); Colleen Pariso-Health Teacher-Middle School (LTE-189 days); Bob McDonald-Alternative Education Teacher-DSLTA (LTE-194 days); Melody Scott-Grade 1 Teacher-Washington Elementary School (LTE-96 days); Diane Stier-Business Education Teacher-High School (LTE-34 days); Robyn Ehrke-5th Grade Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTE-189 days); Cindy Holzman-Special Education Teacher-Middle School (LTE-34 days); Brett Helmer-Middle School Alternative Education Teacher- DSLA (LTE-194 days); Kathleen Whittington-High School Alternative Education Teacher DSLA (LTE-194 days); Sam Thorton-3rd Grade Teacher-South Beaver Dam Elementary School (LTE-60 days); Tina Pasciak-Family and Consumer Education Teacher-Middle School (LTE-189 days); Peter Duesterbeck-Social Studies Teacher-High School (LTE-189 days); Lois Knaack-GATE Grade 6 Math Teacher-Wilson Elementary School (LTE-189 days, 20% FTE); Joel Scott-Math Teacher - Middle School (LTE-45 days); Shelly Ehlenbeck-5th Grade Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTE-46 days); Jane Randerson-Reading Coach-District (LTE-30 days) (20% FTE); Megan Scullin-Physical Education Teacher-Middle School (LTE-33 days); Joel Scott-6th Grade Social Studies Teacher-Middle School (LTE-49 days); William Reininger-Business Education Teacher-High School (LTE-60 days); George Scott-Reading Teacher-Middle School (LTE-70 days); Sheila Mannel-Kindergarten Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTE-28 days); Stephanie Zielger-Social Studies Teacher-High School (LTE-96 days); Jenny Ritchey-Occupational Therapist-District (80% LTE); Kyle Kahler-School Counselor-Lincoln and Wilson Elementary Schools (LTE-52 days); Carla Woebeking-6th Grade Teacher-Middle School (LTE-50 days); and Melody Scott-Grade 1 Teacher-Washington Elementary School (LTE-64 days).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Prieve seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #85, #86, #87 and #88) for District Credit Card, Net Payroll, Payroll Related Voucher, Payroll Taxes, Wisconsin Retirement, Trust Advantage, BDEA, and District Insurance for a total of \$3,352,055.42 (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Tyjeski moved, Jansen seconded, to recess into closed session per Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (c) and (f) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, the board will consider legal advice regarding the resignation of an employee as it relates to statutory guidelines. The Board may reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

During the closed session, there was discussion regarding the resignation of an employee. No action was taken during closed session.

Prieve moved, Jansen seconded, to reconvene into open session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to accept the resignation of Debra Lins, Trenton Elementary School and Don Smith Learning Academy Principal effective 6/30/13.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Spielman moved, Kraus seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

/s/

Marge Jorgensen, President

/s/

Bev Beal-Loeck, Clerk