

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

**March 11, 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, Kraus seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 18, 2013, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Jorgensen welcomed visitors.

During public comment Attorney Joe Sciascia asked for support to elect him as Dodge County Circuit Court Judge on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There were no announcements.

Tyjeski moved, Kraus seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. DiStefano, High School Principal, provided an update on the progress of implementing additional online courses for High School students. Online courses are currently offered for remediation and intervention and a personal finance course is being piloted. The courses provide flexibility and opportunity and meets growing and diversity needs for students and families.

There was discussion regarding the number of other schools offering online courses, if the courses are only for Beaver Dam students, and how the personal finance course is going.

Mr. DiStefano presented the Youth Option requests for the first semester of 2013-2014. He requested approval of 17 students requesting 36 courses.

There was discussion regarding the number of students who actually take the courses, the difference between these and High School courses, student's grade level, and the colleges students are requesting courses from.

Kraus moved, Panzer seconded, to approve the Youth Option requests for the 2013-2014 first semester as presented.

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

Mr. Vessey, Superintendent provided a brief overview of the mid-year student achievement goals report. The report will be discussed at a board and administrative meeting on April 1 at 5 p.m.

Mr. Vessey gave a presentation on the Governor's proposed state budget. He explained that the district's budget is prepared based on what is known and not what might happen. He reviewed the proposed allocations and the breakdown of the impact on the district, which will be minimal.

There was discussion about school report cards, non-per pupil funding, private school accountability, voucher school student acceptance, and meetings with legislators.

Mr. Vessey explained the process for scheduling make-up days for cancelations due to inclement weather. The current calendar has 2 built in days and so far 3 days have been canceled, which will require the makeup day be used. There are no more makeup days in the calendar, so the board will need to decide when any future cancelations will be made up.

Mr. Vessey recognized Paul Buchholz for his appointment to the School Safety Council Board, he was a past Safety Coordinator of the Year and is one of the first to complete the WASBO Facility Manager Training. Members of the Power Lifting Team were recognized for medaling at the State Competition. The High School Girl's basketball made it to the sectional finals. The senior players had very successful High School career with a state appearance and 2 sectional finals. Riley Budde and Jackson Bailey wrestled at the State competition and the High School Boy's basketball team made it to regional semi-finals.

Ms. Tyjeski added that Solo and Ensemble students did a great job at the district competition and represented Beaver Dam well. Some students will be moving on to State.

Ms. Beal-Loeck, Chairperson of the Accountability Committee, reported the committee met and received a report on the Special Education program and the goals for the program this year. They also received an update on the current draft of the employee handbook and a report on the process for acquiring a new maintenance truck. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Tyjeski, Chairperson of the Planning Committee, reported the committee received an update on the 2013-14 budget and a review of the Budget Planning Manual. The district will be contracting with PMA Financial for budget forecasting software. She said the High School Science remodel project is in the design phase. The committee received a report regarding the roof at Prairie View Elementary School. She presented a recommendation from the committee to replace the roof at Prairie View in the amount of \$371,715.

Tyjeski moved, Jansen seconded, to replace the roof at Prairie View Elementary School at an expenditure of \$371,715.

Ms. Jorgensen added that there are funds in fund 41 to pay for it and that the committee has done its work keeping updated on this situation.

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

Mr. Prieve shared that the committee also received a request for the support of a Power Lifting club at the High School.

Mr. Greymont, Athletic Director, introduced the students who gave a presentation on the program. The program has grown from 5 students last year to 18 this year. Any student can join the team. Members have qualified for state and one for nationals. Students in Middle School have also expressed interest in joining in High School.

Mr. Scott Grennon explained that he's been coaching the students who are very dedicated and competing against schools with very large teams. The sport is sanctioned by the Wisconsin High School Power Lifting Association. The program is self-funded and there are 3-4 competitions per year.

Mr. Greymont provided a summary of the proposal for students to participate in power lifting competitions as a recognized school competitive activity. He requested that the board approve the formation of the self funded Power Lifting Team for the next two years where Beaver Dam High School students compete representing the school in a competitive activity. If the program becomes established, a request will be made for the district to add the Power Lifting Team as a funded competitive activity. Participants will be eligible to earn a varsity letter and other athletic awards, and will be required to follow the co-curricular code.

Mr. Prieve presented a recommendation from the committee to support a self-funded program for the first two years with re-evaluation after two years, at the end of the 2014-15 season.

Prieve moved, Kraus seconded, to recognize the Power Lifting Club as a sanctioned Beaver Dam High School activity, non-funded for the first two years, starting in 2013-14 with re-evaluation after two years.

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

Ms. Tyjeski said the next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 7 p.m.

Ms. Jorgensen reported that the Executive Committee met and noted that there will be an open house at Trenton Elementary School from 2-4 p.m. on April 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate its history. The committee discussed the effect switching the regular board meeting to the second Monday of the month has on the committee meeting dates. All the committees will meet separately on March 25<sup>th</sup> and the new schedule will begin in April. The Accountability and Planning Committees will now meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and the Executive Committee will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday of the month. She provided dates for upcoming meetings, noting that the board reorganization meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular board meeting.

Spielman moved, Panzer seconded, to approve the following resignations/retirements: Shana Jacob-Art Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (Resignation effective end of the 2012-13 school year); Wendy Frey-Teaching Assistant-Middle School (Resignation effective 2/21/13); and Nicole Cahen-Health Teacher-Middle School (Resignation effective end of the 2012-13 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

There were no leave of absence requests.

Beal-Loeck moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Mitchell Bethke-Special Education Teacher Assistant-Middle School (LTE-67 days); Cindy Holzman-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTE-41 days); Melissa Polzer-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTE-41 days); Donna Hoffmaster-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTE-24 days); Curt Gruenewald-Physical Education Teacher-High School/Middle School/Jefferson Elementary School (LTE-29 days); and Jason Poeppel-Systems Analyst I-District.

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

Kraus moved, Panzer seconded, to approve the following final notices of non-renewal (LTEs): Cindy Holzman-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTE-41 days); Melissa Polzer-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher-Jefferson Elementary School (LTE-41 days); Donna Hoffmaster-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (LTE-24 days); and Curt Gruenewald-Physical Education Teacher-High School/Middle School/Jefferson Elementary School (LTE-29 days).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to approve the following administrator contracts: Robert Avery (2013-2015); Sharon Bliednicht (2013-2015); Tonya Broyles-Brouillard (2013-2015); John Casper (2013-2015); Mark DiStefano (2013-2015); Sandra Garbowicz David (2013-2015); William Greymont (2013-2014); Martha Hyke (2013-2015); Mary Klawitter (2013-2015); Kathleen Lehman (2013-2015); Barbara Link (2013-2015); Laura Maron (2013-2015); Jesse Peters (2013-2015); Brian Rabe (2013-2015); and Nicole White (2013-2015).

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

Kraus moved, Spielman seconded, to approve the 2013-2014 teacher contract renewals.

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

Mr. Vessey presented a recommendation for Judy Steinbacher, Joanne Tyjeski, and him to serve as the Board Canvassers for the April board election with Lila Repinski as an alternate.

Kraus moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the board canvassers as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jansen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #89, #90, #91 and #92) for District Credit Card, Net Payroll, Coaches Net Payroll, Payroll Related Voucher, Payroll Taxes, Wisconsin Retirement, Trust Advantage, BDEA, and District Insurance for a total of \$3,878,978.76 (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Prieve moved, Beal-Loeck seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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*Marge Jorgensen, President*

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*Bev Beal-Loeck, Clerk*