

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

Special Meeting

November 1, 2010

A special 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 6:00 p.m. by President, Bev Beal-Loeck. Board members present were Bev Beal-Loeck, Dan Feuling (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Jean Hill, Marge Jorgensen, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent were Kim Darst.

Jorgensen moved, Prieve seconded, to amend the agenda to move the facilities workshop first, adoption of 2010-11 budget and certification of tax levy second, and the policy review discussion last.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

The board participated in a workshop to discuss the board's facilities goal to create an 18-month rolling action plan with a five-year vision to address facility needs, with a continual focus on fiscal responsibility. The plan will contain a 6-month update to the rolling action plan, address South Beaver Dam and Trenton facilities, and a deferred maintenance plan.

Mr. Andrew Sarnow, Director of Business Services, reviewed a projected maintenance schedule for 18-months to 5-years and beyond. Within the next 5 years, there is a projected total of \$18,448,300 in projects and \$10,110,000 for beyond 5 years. The schedule assumes every building stays in place and everything in the building stays as it is.

Mr. Paul Buchholz, Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, said that some of the items were identified this year and have been rolled ahead one year in addition to the other items previously identified.

Mr. Sarnow reviewed the maintenance projects for each building. The dollar amounts are as of today's dollars and are accurate based on the facilities plan provided by Siemen's earlier in the year.

There was discussion regarding lighting, flooring, and playground repaving.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Superintendent, said the plan is projected maintenance to maintain the facilities and provides a good look at the buildings specifically and the rural schools.

Discussion focused on the large amount of money that could be spent on the rural schools, sustainability, and building cost break-downs.

Mr. Sarnow shared available funding options. Funding options include a one-time referendum for facility repairs or an on-going referendum. It will have to be addressed in a fairly significant way and in a way that students are educated. He does not recommend using fund balance since it is important for cash flow and securing favorable loan rates.

Mr. Vessey said if the direction is to address needs with current available funds, teaching positions will need to be cut. There are a large amount of projects and the only way for a school district to raise capital is through a referendum. This leads to questions as to what to do with the rural schools, high school, and other building projects.

There was discussion on how to proceed, creating smaller Ad hoc committees, the work of the Neighborhood Elementary School Study Committee, and aligning items before giving administration direction.

Mr. Vessey presented options for board consideration to reduce the tax levy and mill rate. The mill rate could be \$9.91 per \$1,000 of assessed value by removing revenue exemption energy projects totaling \$302,000, debt fund balance totaling \$282,000, levying under the maximum by \$84,000, reducing existing site operating budgets by 10% for a total \$65,000, and reducing Fund 80–Community Fund by \$45,000. It creates an incredibly tight budget and allows for no change or for anything that arises during the school year.

Mr. Sarnow reviewed the revised revenue limit worksheet and explained each of the reduction options and its impact.

Mr. Vessey explained that nothing is built in for unexpected expenses and administration will have to come to the board for expenses that need to be funded through fund balance.

Mr. Sarnow said that with all of the reductions, the levy will be decreased to \$13,342,000 which is a \$1.02 increase to the mill rate from last year. He explained that Fund 73-OPEB Trust has a \$50,000 expenditure, which is nice to prepare for the future, but isn't completely necessary.

There was discussion regarding the community fund and the facilities fund.

Mr. Vessey explained that every piece of revenue has been accounted for, along with a 10% cut to every budget, which is unprecedented in the district's history.

There were questions regarding the percentage increase if all of the reduction options are approved or if the \$65,000 for the site budgets is not reduced.

Mr. Sarnow explained that the mill rate will increase by 12% with all the reductions and by 12.35%, for an amount of \$9.95, if the \$65,000 is not reduced.

Mr. Vessey said that the reduction of 10% from existing operational budgets will impact students, but the other items won't directly.

There was discussion regarding the funding the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) fund and fund balance percentages.

Jorgensen moved, Spielman seconded, to approve a mill rate of \$9.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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

Jorgensen moved, Hill seconded, to approve the 2010-2011 budget of \$50,852,325 in revenues and expenditures of \$51,088,742, with a deficit of \$236,417.

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

The board discussed policy review services. The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) and NEOLA both provide services, but WASB isn't available to perform a review for over a year. NEOLA will be contacted to give a presentation to the board.

The board participated in a check out session and made suggestions for future agenda items. They thanked administration for making budget cuts.

Jorgensen moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

/s/

Beverly Beal-Loeck, President

/s/

Joanne Tyjeski, Clerk