

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

Special Meeting

April 25, 2011

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 7:00 p.m. by President, Marge Jorgensen. Board members present were Bev Beal-Loeck, Kim Darst, Dan Feuling, Jean Hill, Marge Jorgensen, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. No board members were absent.

Mr. Dan Feuling, Planning Committee Chairperson, provided a summary of the committee's work. He explained that the committee discussed the possibility of moving 135 students from Trenton Elementary School to Prairie View Elementary School and if it could happen before the next school year. They also discussed possibly moving the Don Smith Learning Academy to the High School and using the building as a backup facility. The committee decided to have administration present facility data to the entire board.

Mr. Steve Vessey, Superintendent, explained that students could be moved to Prairie View, but it is uncertain how soundly they could be educated. A feasibility study has not been completed. He said it is for the board to decide what they want to do for the facilities and then direct administration to figure out the how and present scenarios. He reviewed data on cost per pupil, site closing impact, average annual maintenance costs, an impact study on Prairie View absorbing 135 students, and the potential cost of adding classrooms to Prairie View based on the Siemens projection in 2010.

There were questions regarding building expansions and spreading the students throughout the district.

Mr. Vessey asked board members to direct administration as to the data they want and then look at the impact and feasibility.

Information was requested regarding the impact of eliminating waivers, the number of students that can safely be in a classroom, the differences from other schools, and the special classrooms.

There was discussion regarding a feasibility study, the future of computer labs, and how special classes are offered.

Mr. Vessey explained that the district needs to tell the public why they are doing it and to be careful when referring to specific schools since the data could point to another school.

There was discussion regarding serving special education students, the possibility of moving the Don Smith Learning Academy to the High School, and the possibility of additions to Jefferson, Washington, and Prairie View.

Mr. Vessey explained that a feasibility study will provide an expert opinion to help determine how to proceed.

Discussion focused on considering student academic achievement when looking into closing a school, having an entire district plan vs. only two schools, and changing school boundaries.

Mr. Vessey explained that a feasibility study lessens risk because it provides more information and it is better to make and defend a decision. Preliminary costs and options for a feasibility study will be presented at the May regular board meeting.

Tyjeski moved, Spielman seconded, to 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, teacher and support staff bargaining, an open records request, and potential litigation from an employee. The meeting will reconvene into open session for the possible transaction of business and adjournment.

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

Tyjeski moved, Hill seconded, to reconvene into open session

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

/s/

Marge Jorgensen, President

/s/

Joanne Tyjeski, Clerk