

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

April 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center. Vice President, Mr. Kraus, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Isaac Dornfeld, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Mary Kuntz, Maria Mason, Lisa Panzer, Heather Scholz, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: Chad Prieve.

Mr. Kraus led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 10, 2025, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kraus welcomed visitors.

Jorgensen moved, Scholz seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Jansma, Principal, presented the School of the Month report for Wilson Elementary School. She reported on their English Language Arts and Math goals and action steps, along with staff development goals. She shared their school culture and engagement activities and events and provided an update on plans for the transition to Washington Elementary School.

Mr. Gerber, High School Associate Principal Activities & Athletics, provided an update on High School Spring events and student qualifiers for state and national competitions. He presented requests for out of state and overnight travel for students to travel to compete at national events and attend a summer camp.

Jorgensen moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the out of state trip requests.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Mason, Panzer, Scholz, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, Kuntz, Kraus, and Jorgensen. No - None.

Max Luedtke, Board of Education Student Representative, reported on testing, student organization leadership conferences and competitions, and the High School Spring Play.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet since the last meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for April 28. She asked Ms. Tyjeski and Mr. Kraus to provide their monthly update on referendum projects. Mr. Cashman, Director of Business Services, provided an update on site and budget progress, along with summer projects.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee did not meet since the last meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for April 28.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in since the last board meeting. They acknowledged the number of student organization opportunities and recognized the students and staff for their involvement. The re-elected board members were congratulated, members of the Wellness Committee were recognized, and the High School Track and Field team was recognized for volunteering with the Second Harvest Food distribution.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, recognized the Wilson Elementary Staff, Prairie View Elementary School Principal Mr. Krause for receiving a Kohl Fellowship Award, and the numerous donors and commitments from the community to provide scholarship opportunities for students.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, the board recess into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to discuss specific employees or employee groups; and §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Scholz, Kraus, Kuntz, Mason, Panzer, Jorgensen, Tyjeski, and Dornfeld. No - None.

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees and the possible purchase of property.

Dornfeld moved, Kuntz seconded, to reconvene into open session.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the following retirement/resignations: Brandi Browskowski Durow-Full-Time Substitute-Middle School (resignation effective 2/19/25); Rob Meyer-Director of Teaching & Learning / Middle School Principal (resignation effective 6/30/25); Glen Milleville-Grade 5 Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (retirement effective 7/24/25); and Holly Steiner-Dean of Students-High School (Resignation effective 6/16/25).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Jessica LeFeber-Music Teacher-Middle School (Medical Leave extension 8/19/25-9/26/25) and Jessica LeFeber-Music Teacher-Middle School (Leave of Absence extension 9/29/25-11/14/25)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Morgan Pierron-Grade 2 Teacher-Washington Elementary School (2025-2026 School Year) and Summer Salettel-Grade 1 Teacher-Washington Elementary School (2025-2026 School Year).

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Dornfeld, Jorgensen, Kraus, Kuntz, Mason, Panzer, Scholz, and Tyjeski. No - None.

Dr. White, Director of Human Resources, presented a request for preliminary notice of non-renewal in accordance with Wis. Stat. §118.22 and associated processes and timelines for Bradley Westergaard and Mark Stoskopf.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the preliminary notices of non-renewal as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to renew teacher contracts according to statutory requirement for the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Kuntz, Mason, Panzer, Scholz, Kraus, Tyjeski, Dornfeld, and Jorgensen. Nay-None.

Mr. DiStefano presented the board policy updates recommended by Neola for final reading.

Kuntz moved, Tyjeski seconded, to adopt the board policy updates as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #612, #613, #614, #615 and #616) for Manual Check ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, AXA Roth, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Modern Woodmen of America, Sec Benefit Life, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, and District Insurances for a total of \$7,411,393.47. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

The motion was adopted by the following vote: Aye – Dornfeld, Jorgensen, Kraus, Kuntz, Mason, Panzer, Scholz, and Tyjeski. No - None.

Tyjeski moved, Kuntz seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

/s/

Chad Prieve, President

/s/

Marge Jorgensen, Clerk