

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

May 12, 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. President, Mr. Prieve, 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, Chad Prieve, Heather Scholz, and Joanne Tyjeski. Board members absent: None.

Mr. Prieve led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jorgensen moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 14, 2025, as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Prieve welcomed visitors.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Ms. Sponholz, Director of Student Services, presented a recommendation to approve 42 open enrollment applications into the district for the 2025-2026 school year, pending records request responses. She recommended approval of 42 applications for 40 students applying to transfer out of the district for the 2025-2026 school year.

Jorgensen moved, Kraus seconded, to approve the open enrollment applications for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Dr. White, Director of Human Resources, presented a recommendation for the approval of the 2026-2027 school year calendar. The school year will start on September 1 and end on May 28. She explained that families and staff were surveyed to provide insight into the calendar development. Drafts of the calendar were presented to the Staff and Parent Advisory Teams as well as the board committees to provide feedback.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski seconded, to approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Max Luedtke, Board of Education Student Representative, reported on spring sports and activities, the Wall of Fame Award Ceremony, the FFA Banquet and Awards, and upcoming Senior Awards. He gave his reflection on his service as the Student Representative.

Mr. Prieve thanked Max for his service and presented him with a certificate of service and a gift from the board.

Ms. Jorgensen, Operations Committee Chair, reported the committee met on April 28 and reviewed the Referendum Projects Monthly Update for April and received an update on the progress of referendum projects. Ms. Tyjeski and Mr. Kraus provided their monthly update on referendum projects. Mr. Cashman shared bidding and budget information regarding the construction at Washington Elementary School. The committee provided feedback on options for the 2026-2027 school year calendar. A list of job description updates was shared as part of a periodic review. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19.

Ms. Panzer, Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, reported the committee met on April 28 and received an update on the Early Literacy District Strategic Action. The committee provided feedback on options for the 2026-2027 school year calendar. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19.

Board members shared the engagement opportunities they participated in since the last board meeting. They recognized the High School Girls Soccer Team for their help with the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Mr. DiStefano, Superintendent, recognized the FFA students for their success in State Competition, the High School Math Team for their Class A State Championship, staff who are taking on new duties with the passing of the District Registrar, the Washington Elementary Staff for being flexible during the construction, and the Class of 2025 for their successes and talents.

Kraus moved, Tyjeski 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 over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to discuss specific employees and employee groups, and to discuss negotiation strategy. The board will reconvene into open session following the closed session and may take action on the items discussed in closed session.

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

During closed session, there was discussion regarding specific employees, employee groups, and negotiation strategy.

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

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following resignations: Richard Lauterbach-Physical Education Teacher-High School (Resignation effective end of the 2024-2025 school year) and Julia Peterson-ELL Teacher-High School (Resignation effective end of the 2024-2025 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following leave of absence requests: Melissa Argenzio-Physical Education Teacher-Lincoln Elementary School (Medical Leave 8/19/25-11/20/25), Amber Caswell-Art Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (Medical Leave 9/9/25-10/22/25), Kristine Eberle-Grade 8 Math Teacher-Middle School (Medical Leave 9/15/25-11/17/25), Skylar Eberle-Special Education Teacher-High School (Family Medical Leave 11/17/25-12/15/25), and Jennifer Monthie-English Language Arts Teacher-High School (Medical Leave 4/23/25 – end of 2024-25 school year).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Panzer moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the following appointments: Katelyn Dwyer-Principal-Prairie View Elementary School, Brandon Krause-Principal-Middle School, Mackenzie Tischler-Special Education Teacher (Literacy)-Jefferson Elementary School (2025-2026 School Year), Dawn Vogel-Special Education Teacher-Prairie View Elementary School (2025-2026 School Year), and Emily Walters-English Language Arts Teacher-High School (2025-2026 School Year).

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

Mr. Tronsen, High School Principal, presented the list of tentative 2025 High School graduates for certification.

Kraus moved, Kuntz seconded, to approve the certification of the list of 2025 graduates as presented.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Tyjeski moved, Jorgensen seconded, to approve the payment of financial claims (Voucher #617, #618, #619, and #620) for ACH File, Net Payroll, Payroll Taxes, WEA Trust Advantage, American Funds, Ameriprise, AXA, AXA Roth, Fidelity, Franklin, Health Savings Account, Health Savings Account (District), Modern Woodmen of America, Sec Benefit Life, Thrivent, WEA TSA, Wisconsin Retirement System, Payroll Related Voucher, and District Insurances for a total of \$4,080,857.88. (A listing of these vouchers can be found in the Accounts Payable Check Register.)

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

Kuntz moved, Jorgensen seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

/s/
Chad Prieve, President

/s/
Marge Jorgensen, Clerk