Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Accountability Committee Meeting

October 19, 2015

A meeting of the Accountability Committee of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Jim Jansen, Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, Sharon Bliefernicht, Director of Human Resources, Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

A proposal was presented to donate the canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, trailers, and life vests the district has to the City of Beaver Dam. The equipment is already shared with the City, but the district has no place to store it. The City is expanding its water programs. The district shares it with the City already, but has no place to store it. The items will be available to the district when needed. The committee endorsed the proposal and will present it to the full board at its next meeting.

Mr. Avery presented the first quarter budget-to-actual report. Expenditures are at 17.9% of budget, which is lower than last year. Revenues are at 9.1%, which is reflective of when aid payments and taxes are received by the district. There are no red flags at this time in terms of expenditures. The report included a cash flow report to reflect when money is actually deposited in the bank account.

Mr. Vessey presented an alternative expulsion process that is used in all the larger districts in the state and being seen in smaller districts as well. The actual process doesn't change, but the case is heard by an independent hearing officer rather than the school board. The hearing officer would generate a report with recommendations for the board to consider in closed session. The idea is to provide consistency and avoid board bias claims. The board votes to adopt, or not adopt, the recommendation, or use it in certain cases. The committee will continue discussion next month after members have had time to reflect on it.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bev Beal-Loeck, Committee Chair.