Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Accountability Committee Meeting

December 21, 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, Marge Jorgensen, Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, John Casper, Middle School Principal, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, Jesse Peters, Prairie View Elementary School Principal, Donna Pivonka, Director of Student Services, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent. Others Present: Nick Kent (Plunkett Raysich Architects) and Kelsey Richards (CG Schmidt).

Nick Kent from Plunkett Raysich Architects discussed the High School Facilities Master Plan and soliciting feedback from the community before proceeding with a solution. He suggested having six stations set up at the Meet, Greet and Tour sessions to touch on major topics, with each station lasting 10 minutes. The tentative stations would focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math); Athletics/Fitness Center Spaces and Locker Rooms; Performing Arts Learning Spaces; Performing Arts Center; Visual Arts Learning Spaces; and Humanities Learning Spaces. The session would include a 15-minute wrap up discussion. Posters with examples from other districts would be used to jump-start the conversations. An optional tour after may be available at a separate date for a tour. Given the amount of time needed, a tour, plus the stations would require a large time commitment. The first Meet, Greet and Tour is scheduled for February 1, 2016.

Mr. Vessey shared the current draft of the timeline, which is available on the District's website.

Since comments made at a board meeting regarding the amount of elementary lunch time, Mr. Vessey has been observing lunches in a number of schools, including at Washington Elementary School three times, since it was the location cited in the comments. Things are going well and there are no recommendations for changes. Lunch is 40 minutes and no one is forced to leave lunch to go out for recess.

Mr. Avery presented an update on the lease provisions for funding the acquisition of safety/security equipment and services recommended in the spring 2015 key performance objective report. He requested endorsement of the specifics of this lease, including the resolution presented, and authorize Mr. Avery and Mr. Vessey to sign the needed paperwork. The committee voted to forward to the full Board at its January meeting.

The next Accountability Committee meeting is scheduled for January 18th.

Minutes submitted by Bev Beal-Loeck, Committee Chair.