

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

Accountability Committee Meeting

April 17, 2017

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, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Mark DiStefano, Director of Human Resources, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, Donna Pivonka, Director of Student Services, Steve Vessey, Superintendent and Anne-Marie Woznicki, Director of Business Services.

The committee received a presentation on the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program. The process for identifying students will be added to the Response to Intervention (RtI) Handbook and should be part of the continuum of tiered support services for all students. The process was reviewed along with how some of the steps are being clarified. The changes beginning with the 2017-18 school year were shared, including how information will be collected, the counselor's role, and promotional activities.

The third quarter budget-to-actual report was presented to the committee. At the end of the third quarter, 64.8% of budgeted revenues were received, compared to 62.6% last year, and 68.27% of budgeted expenditures were spent, compared to 67.02% last year. Fund 10 revenues and expenditures along with utility, transportation and substitute staff costs were reviewed. Current revenues for fiscal year 2017 are 2.2% ahead of last year and current expenditures are 1.25% ahead of last year. Spending will continue to be monitored during the 4th quarter.

The committee received a proposal that a credit earned in 7th or 8th grade count toward high school graduation, specifically in the areas of mathematics and world languages. Wisconsin State Statute states that a school board may count a credit a student earns in grade 7 or 8 towards required or elective high school graduation requirements if specific criteria are satisfied. The criteria includes the student's performance on a state exam, or similar exam, demonstrates the student is academically prepared for high school coursework, the course is taught by a teacher licensed to teach the subject in high school grades, and the course uses curriculum and assessments equivalent to ones used to teach the subject in the high school grades. There was discussion regarding the minimum final summative grade and issuing retrocredit to current high school students. The credit will be added to their transcript and the grade point will not be impacted.

The next Accountability Committee meeting is scheduled for May 15th.

Minutes submitted by Bev Beal-Loeck, Committee Chair.