

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

**Accountability Committee Meeting**

**September 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, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent. Also present: Kevin Dresdow, Taher Manager.

Mr. Vessey reviewed a communication engagement timeline related to the high school assessment. The original draft was built in May but did not incorporate the existing communication platforms used. A Meet, Greet and Tour at the High School on the first Monday of each month was added to show the community what they want to see and answer the questions at the time. The committee discussed different ways to help build interest and attendance. The bulk of the plan will be implemented in the first half of 2016. There is also a community survey piece that will be critical in driving the direction that the District moves. There was additional discussion about the operational aspects of the timeline, including having a focus group, reach out to the community's Hispanic population, meetings with external groups (Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc).

Mr. Dresdow provided the committee with a summary of the summer food service program that was run this year. The service was offered at Prairie View and Jefferson Elementary Schools during summer school, plus at the YMCA of Dodge County, which ran 8 weeks. Taher served over 10,000 meals this summer. The program is federally funded with reimbursement rates higher than during the school year. Taher would like to expand the program next summer to include the High School in August and during summer school at the Middle School. Meals are free to children participating and this could potentially double the number of participants. Board members reported receiving good feedback from community members. There were a number of operational questions as committee member sought to understand how the program operated.

Mr. Vessey demonstrated a new tool, Haiku, being utilized by the District. This is a learning management system for classrooms as well as for professional development and meeting organization. Haiku interacts with Google seamlessly and replaces Moodle. There is a possibility of another change in the near future, which is the nature of shifting and evolving technology.

The next Accountability Committee meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes submitted by Bev Beal-Loeck, Committee Chair.