

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

**Accountability Committee Meeting**

**January 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, 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, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

Mr. DiStefano provided an updated on the Don Smith Learning Academy. Programming has been split between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in the afternoon and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the mornings. Enrollment will be at 40 students in the Spring and there are no middle school students. Progress is being made on program and curriculum changes and discipline has improved. A new curriculum is being implemented to individualize it for each student, using a virtual platform to guide individual student learning. Administrative oversight consists of Ms. Bates on Monday mornings, Mr. DiStefano on Wednesday mornings, and Mr. Bartelt on Friday afternoons.

Mr. Avery presented the second quarter budget report. As of 12/31/14, the District had expended 48% of the budget. Last year, it was 47.9%. Given that last year the District ended with a significant deficit, this is worth continued monitoring. The committee will receive monthly reports for the remainder of the fiscal year beginning in February with an action plan to address identified areas of concern.

Mr. Avery presented the budget amendment, as it will be published, for endorsement to the Board. A narrative report will be provided with additional details that were shared verbally. Highlights of the changes: 1) Extension of the Counseling Grant 2) Educator Effectiveness Grant 3) SAGE aid correction 4) co-op co-curricular revenues 5) recoding of Perkins Grant expenditures 6) updated special education transfer amount 7) IDEA Flow-Thru budget update 8) State special education aid correction to actual 9) High Cost Special Education Aid 10) PTO donations for iPads 11) Activity Accounts being recorded in Fund 21 12) Middle School sign donation 13) food service revenue correction; and 14) update community service fund program budgets. Board adoption will require a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote.

Mr. Avery reported on the status of the Safety/Security key performance objective (KPO). A team of Mr. DiStefano, Mr. Casper, Mr. Peters, Mr. Buchholz, Mr. Rottmann, and Mr. Avery has been meeting all year building on the work of a group last year that also included Dr. Link. The team recommends a four-phase implementation. However, at this time, financial resources are not available to immediately implement Phase I at a cost of \$48,000. Phase II is projected to cost \$135,000 and is being planned for this summer. It will be incorporated into the 15-16 budget. Phase III at a cost of \$115,000 is targeted for the summer of 2016. Phase IV is long-term and financing dependent. Once resources are identified to support moving on Phase I, a recommendation will be brought back to the committee.

The next Accountability Committee meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Panzer, Committee Chair.