Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Accountability Committee Meeting

December 15, 2014

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., Lisa Panzer, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, Melissa Gehring, High School Associate Principal of Activities and Athletics, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

Ms. Gehring provided an update on the High School Swimming and Hockey Co-op Programs. Dodgeland has requested to co-op with the district for boys hockey and Randolph for both boys' and girls' swimming. The number for boys' swimming is down to six participants and Randolph would add nine. The girls' swim has 18 swimmers and could add eight from Randolph. The boys' hockey team has 18 playing and only had one goalie. The deadline for fall sports is February and April for winter sports. Girls' swim is a fall sport. Co-op teams require implementing a "No cut rule." There is currently a co-op for girls' hockey, but the district currently does not co-op non-athletic co-curricular programs. The district needs to be vigilant in billing for shared costs. There will likely be more co-op programs in the future if the district wants to maintain opportunities for students.

The committee continued its discussion regarding the board self-evaluation.

Ms. Garbowicz reported that the district did not meet all the Annual Measurement of Academic Objectives (AMAO) for the first time this year. There are three measurements: 1) Progress in English Language Acquisition for English Language Learner (ELL) students measured on the Access test. Students generally meet annual progress. 2) Reaching English Language Proficiency detail, which is the number of students who rate a 5 on a 1-6 scale. When students are rated a 6, they are moved out of the ELL program. The district is conservative with 8th grade students to help with the transition to the High School. 3) How students do relative to the cut scores of WKCE. Students are struggling to meet the targets. This has been reviewed administratively and a notice is going out to all ELL families. Professional development opportunities will be offered to train staff how to help students. If the district does not meet the AMAO for two consecutive years, it will require a more rigorous response by the district and additional involvement by DPI.

The next Accountability Committee meeting will be January 19th.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Panzer, Committee Chair.