

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

Planning Committee Meeting

December 19, 2016

A meeting of the Planning Committee of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center at 6:30 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: Crystal Bates, High School Principal, John Casper, Middle School Principal, Mark DiStefano, Director of Human Resources, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, Steve Vessey, Superintendent and Anne-Marie Woznicki, Director of Business Services.

Mr. Casper and Dr. Garbowicz provided an update on the Middle School schedule and curriculum change. The goal of the change is to increase minutes in core areas, expand elective choices (open to 7th and 8th), incorporate Project Lead the way and/or STEM type courses, and explore high school credit for Algebra and World Languages. They shared potential course offerings and the timeline for completion of the schedule. Mr. Casper will present a final draft schedule with course scope and sequence options moving forward in 2017-2018.

Dr. Garbowicz presented the new curriculum courses, alterations, materials and supplies for the 2017-18 school year. The changes look to incorporate Project Lead the Way courses grades K-12, add an FFA elective at the Middle School and greenhouse management courses. Alterations are proposed for AP Computer Science, Contemporary Literature and Composition ELA, elementary science, spelling, phonics, phonics awareness, word work, handwriting, and keyboarding. The projected cost is approximately \$282,000.

Ms. Woznicki and Mr. DiStefano provided an update on the benefits consultant process. The request for proposals has been issued and closes on January 2, 2017. Several companies have expressed interest in completing the bidding process.

Mr. Vessey shared information regarding neighboring properties. The board directed Mr. Vessey to explore available properties that are available for purchase and connected to current BDUSD property.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for January 16th.

Minutes submitted by Laura Lerwick, Committee Chair.