

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

Planning Committee Meeting

April 18, 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 6:22 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Jim Jansen, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, and Gary Spielman. Administration present: Sharon Bliefernicht, Director of Human Resources, John Casper, Middle School Principal, Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

Mr. Casper presented a three-year planning timeline to study and adjust the middle school schedule and course offerings. Year one will involve a study committee looking deeply at middle school schedules and the research behind implementation. Year two will see course offering adjustments largely in seventh and eighth grade. Year three will involve new course designs at the sixth grade level.

Mr. Vessey presented a preliminary draft of the 2016-17 budget. The draft currently shows a \$545,000 deficit. Mr. Vessey explained that the draft budget is build on dozens of assumptions and explained a balanced budget will be brought forward for adoption this summer.

Mr. Vessey explained that as part of the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act, school districts must evaluate their pricing each year. Based on data provided by the district's food service management company, Taher, the Federal benchmark pricing necessitates increasing prices a minimum of \$0.05 per lunch to remain compliant with USDA requirements. The recommendation is to increase prices by \$0.05 per lunch and breakfast. There is no change to milk prices for 2016-17. It will be presented to the full board at the May board meeting.

Ms. Bliefernicht presented the district 2016-17 staffing plan. Elementary education staffing will decrease overall by 1.6 FTE. A 5th grade section will be eliminated due to the bubble class moving to 6th grade. Also, there will be a .40 FTE decrease in literacy support teacher and a .20 FTE decrease in a GATE math teacher. There will be no changes to middle school and high school education staffing. Staffing at DSLA will decrease by 1.0 FTE. Overall, district staffing will increase by 1.0 FTE with the addition of the Coordinator of Technology. The total district professional staffing will decrease by 1.60 FTE. The staffing for support staff will begin in July/August.

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

Minutes submitted by Marge Jorgensen, Committee Chair.