

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

Planning Committee Meeting

September 21, 2015

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 6:20 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Jim Jansen, John Kraus, Jr., Marge Jorgensen, 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. Avery updated the committee on the status of the District budget. This budget will continue to evolve as enrollment data is finalized and state aid information becomes available. District enrollments are higher than projected. Open enrollment participation varied from projections. Open Enrollment In was lower than expected and Open Enrollment Out was higher. This results in lower revenues and higher expenditures. However, with staffing changes a reduction in personnel costs has been realized. A bus route has also been eliminated and the IT budget has been reduced.

Mr. Avery presented the administration's recommendation for 2015-16 compensation. It is set for the CPI (1.62%) increase for all staff, plus awarding lane movements for certified staff that have invested in their professional growth and earned the necessary credits.

The adopted budget included a surplus of just under \$35,000. The current draft includes a nearly \$270,000 surplus. This moves the District in the direction of restoring its fund balance as discussed last month.

Mr. Vessey presented a request to change the September 2016 regular board meeting to another date. The second Monday of September is also the date of the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation golf outing. While the Foundation is an independent entity, it does raise significant dollars for scholarships for Beaver Dam students. Over \$175,000 was distributed last year. It is important for district representatives to attend the entire event. He suggested meeting on a Tuesday or the third or fourth Monday of the month. The consensus of the committee is to meet on the third Monday and move the committee meetings to the fourth Monday.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be October 19th.

Minutes submitted by Marge Jorgensen, Committee Chair.