

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

Planning Committee Meeting

January 19, 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 6:30 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. Avery reported on the process used to select an architectural firm to conduct the educational needs assessment for the high school. A team of Mr. Vessey, Mr. Prieve, Ms. Panzer, Mr. DiStefano, Mr. Buchholz, and Mr. Avery interviewed two firms and recommends Plunkett Raysich (PRA) for this assessment. The PRA proposal will be provided to board member for review. The recommendation will be presented to the board for approval at the February board meeting.

Mr. DiStefano provided an update on the timeline for the Online Academy. There have been meetings with staff, the Director of Business Services, and stakeholders. A total 20 teachers have been recruited as instructors for next year and 9 staff members are interested in teaching this summer. The costing has been reviewed with a goal to be cost neutral with regard to instruction. A mailing was sent to 35 families (36 children) and follow-up phone calls will be done in February. The delivery model will be in partnership with the Wisconsin Virtual School through CESA 9. Students will enroll either through the High School or DSLA. The target population will be resident students not currently enrolled in the district and traditional students to supplement offerings. Staff will be focused on efficiency and there will be course size limits. Student services will be provided as needed, including a guidance counselor to review a career and academic plan, which will be required of all students. The curriculum will be aligned with the DPI and reviewed with department leaders. Costs will continue to be evaluated. A Summer School pilot is on track.

Mr. Avery reported that there is a preliminary drawing for the Middle School CDS room remodel, but there are no cost estimates. The committee will receive specific information when it is available.

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

Minutes submitted by John Kraus, Jr., Committee Chair.