

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

Planning Committee Meeting

December 15, 2014

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, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Lisa Panzer, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

Mr. Avery presented potential budget parameters for Board consideration as it begins building the 2015-16 budget. The revenues are expected to decrease, while expenditures will increase. If the district sees a 3% increase in compensation and a 10% increase health and dental insurance, the district could see a deficit of up to \$1.43 million. The goal is to have a balanced budget by next October. That is the fundamental parameter, which overrules all others.

Ms. Garbowicz shared curriculum changes for next school year. Elementary math will be aligned to the Common Core. The Middle School science curriculum will be aligned to the Next Gen Science Standards. Middle School social studies curriculum is being realigned to 6th grade: Western Hemisphere, 7th grade: Civics, and 8th grade: US History, plus Global Issues portions in all three grades. Moving US History to 8th grade will change 9th grade social studies to Global Studies. There are other adjustments at the High School in science, art, oral communication, and Ag/technology education. New curriculum materials will require approximately \$250-280K, which is no change from this year. If implemented, these changes will restore the district to a seven-year rotation for content areas.

Mr. Vessey shared a draft of the 2015-16 school year calendar. This will be discussed by administration and return to the Board for action. There are no significant changes from this year, but because of the way holidays fall next year, the school year would end in the first week of June.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for January 19th.

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