

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

Planning Committee Meeting

February 16, 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, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, Gary Spielman, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, Ms. Sarah Oudenhoven, Prairie View Elementary School Associate Principal, Mr. Jesse Peters, Prairie View Elementary School Principal, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

Mr. Peters and Ms. Oudenhoven presented information regarding the 2015 Elementary Summer School Program. It will be a 5-week program from June 22-July 24 and located at Jefferson and Prairie View Elementary Schools, as well as some classes at the High School. Fees will continue to vary by class. The 3-week booster (intervention) session in August won't be run due to past attendance issues and the impact of the program has not met expectations. The summer school program will be reviewed in greater depth next year and will likely be part of a key performance objective (KPO) in 2015-16.

Ms. Garbowicz presented curriculum proposals for 2015-16. The curricular materials proposal is focused on three academic areas: Elementary math, Middle School social studies and Middle School and High School science. The total cost will be \$280,000, including potentially \$12,000 for 60 ChromeBooks for 8th grade social studies. There could possibly be a KPO for 2015-16 regarding Google, Google Apps, and ChromeBooks. The investment into ChromeBooks will be incorporated in this KPO, essentially as a "proof of concept" before rolling it out further into the District. There are also some curriculum changes to High School art, oral communications, and agriculture and technology education classes, streamlining courses, and cross walking for requirements.

Mr. Avery presented a report summarizing the current budget forecast for 2015-16. With a reduction in revenues (state per pupil aid, revenue limit authority and the end of the counseling grant), and an increase in utilities and transportation budgets, the district is looking at a deficit of \$700,000. An additional \$500,000 is expected to be part of a systemic rollover from the 2014-15 budget, putting the total near \$1.2M. Variable budget parameters include staffing, compensation and non-personnel budgets. The increase in salaries by the expected CPI (1.62%), plus earned lane changes equals approximately \$435,000, pushing the deficit to \$1.635M. Administration is planning for staffing cost reductions through attrition (\$675,000), budget cuts district-wide (\$275,000), and changes in benefit plans (\$685,000) to offset the projected deficit. New costs in the budget will have to be offset by corresponding reductions elsewhere.

Mr. Avery and Mr. Vessey presented a drawing and cost estimate for "Option 1A" for the current Middle School faculty lounge to be remodeled into the CDS room. The estimated cost is \$155,000. Mr. Vessey shared an alternative proposal "Option 1B", which doesn't have a budgetary figure yet, but is estimated to cost up to \$250,000. This plan would place the CDS

program in the current student services office location and student services would then move to the faculty lounge location. Additional related moves will be addressed by the building administrative team. The consensus of the committee is to support Option 1B and to increase the summer projects budget to \$400,000 to address current and future needs. Administration will identify resource reallocations for the short term and long term.

Mr. Vessey asked if any board members would be interested in serving on a subcommittee to work with administration and Plunkett Raysich Architects on the High School educational needs study, or if administration should just provide updates to the board. They agreed that three board members should work with administration. They ideally want board members with three different perspectives: someone with trade knowledge, one more assertive and one more conservative. Board members will consider it and let Mr. Prieve know. The Executive Committee will decide which interested board members will serve.

Prior to the March regular board meeting, the district and board will have a reception for all staff who are retiring this school year. It will be from 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm, before the meeting when the board takes action on their retirement requests.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 30th.

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