Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Accountability Committee Meeting

January 20, 2014

A meeting of the Accountability Committee of the Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center at 5:30 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 that the budget amendments are being worked on and he will bring them forward next month.

The WIAA is now doing background checks on their officials, but it will take a year, as these are done as officials renew their licenses. The district will be checking officials on a case-by-case basis, primarily Middle School officials and subs, through CCAPP and the National Sex Offender Registry for home events. These are the same procedures as other area districts.

Mr Vessey shared a bullying/harassment reporting form. These situations are treated as a learning opportunity. Pupil services will get involved and these situations will be documented, including follow-up. The biggest issue is students not reporting it. This is the second year of use of the form at the High School. It works very well and helps the district be accountable. The key is staff knowing. Three variables that make it challenging to resolve: 1) situation stems from a relationship; 2) the reporting party is not an innocent victim, but is actively participating; and 3) if reporting is intermittent, where it's now being reported consistently.

Mr Avery presented the second quarter budget to actual report. All accounts are within the expected parameters. Utilities spending will be closely monitored given the recent extremely cold weather

The next Accountability Committee meeting will be February 17, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jim Jansen, Committee Chair.