Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Accountability Committee Meeting

December 16, 2013

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., Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, and Gary Spielman. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, Shawn Bartelt, High School Dean of Students, and Mark DiStefano, High School Principal.

Mr. Avery presented a report updating the district's fiscal performance for the first quarter of the fiscal year (through September 30). This is very early in the fiscal year, but all budget items appear to be within expected parameters. This year's spending is slightly ahead of last year's, which may be due to HSA contributions as well as spending at the end of the PEP grant. This will be monitored and analyzed further to see if the trend continues in the second quarter. The second quarter report will be presented in January.

Mr. Bartelt and Mr. DiStefano shared a draft of the verification form and guidelines for the option of waiving the 0.5 credits of Physical Education that High School administration has developed. This was developed with input from the Phy. Ed. staff. Students must apply by the first Monday of June before the school year the request is for. This will be after their schedule requests for the next year are in. (Exception: second semester, 2013-14, due to short turn around.) Subjects to be taken are one of the four core areas (English, math, science or social studies) or health. There will be some flexibility to deal with outside activities on a case-bycase basis. Administration is developing those guidelines, but will not be developing a laundry list of approved activities. The form will be updated and cleaned up and then posted and announced for students.

The next Accountability Committee meeting will be January 20, 2014.

Minutes submitted by Jim Jansen, Committee Chair.