

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

Accountability Committee Meeting

August 19, 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 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Jim Jansen, Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, Sharon Bliefernicht, Director of Human Resources, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

Mr. Avery presented a \$26 per pupil increase in the 4K contracts to parallel the increase in the district's revenue limits. Discussion followed regarding the advantages of the program and the benefits that the district is seeing in incoming kindergarten students.

Mr. Avery is moving forward to implementing a change in the natural gas supply chain. This will require a 12-month notice to Alliant Energy, so it will not be effective until 9/1/14. At that point, the district will be in a two-year commitment with Seminole Energy Services. Mr. Prieve and Mr. Kraus have previously worked with this mechanism and will check to see if they can identify other potential vendors.

Ms. Bliefernicht presented a proposal to increase nursing staffing by 0.5 FTE, from 2.5 FTE to 3.0 FTE. This is a follow up based on questions raised when the proposal was first presented last spring. She reviewed the activities the nurses do, are required to do, no longer do, or can be reassigned. There were questions regarding the structure of the hours and which activities and tasks can be eliminated or delegated elsewhere. The stress that the nurses are feeling is based on immediate needs of students and not clerical tasks. There was discussion regarding staffing, task assignments and statutorily required services. Additional discussion focused on the possibility of hiring another 0.5 FTE rather than increase a 0.5 to a 1.0. It would allow for four nurses in the morning, but only two in the afternoons. The consensus was to do an LTE position for 2013-14 and continue to evaluate it.

The next Accountability Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jim Jansen, Committee Chair.