

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

Accountability Committee Meeting

September 30, 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, Paul Buchholz, Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

The committee reviewed the food service fiscal performance for 2012-13. Taher representatives will attend future discussions. The operation lost nearly \$30,000 last year in part because of the need to replace equipment, which funding was planned to come from fund balance, as well as additional training time. Taher refunded its management and administrative fees as well. There will be better data moving forward from which the 2013-14 budget is built. Negative balances have been significantly reduced in the last year. Staffing is now transitioning from the district to Taher through attrition.

The committee previously discussed moving from a system sales from Alliant to transit service from a third party natural gas provider, Seminole Energy. After contacting two additional vendors, Center Point and Integrys, the savings, based on historical comparisons and not projections forward, showed similar saving potential from all three vendors. Alliant controls the timeline for conversion. Seminole and Center Point would not be able to begin for twelve months. Integrys, however, has bargained with Alliant that would allow transition on 11/1/13. The district is moving forward with Integrys starting November 1.

Mr. Avery and Mr. Buchholz provided an update on the construction projects. The Middle School vault project was \$860,000, the Prairie View Elementary School additions totaled \$2.7M, to date, and the High School science remodel was \$815,000, to date. All projects were completed on or under budget. The only remaining item to be completed is the epoxy floor covering in the new High School science rooms and floor mastic coming through the new tile. CG Schmidt will pay for the mastic issue.

The bid for Trenton Elementary School has fallen through and the property is again for sale. The district has listed it with a broker from Madison for \$65,000. The building is being checked and the boiler is running and will keep the building at 60F. Snow plowing will be completed as needed.

The next Accountability Committee meeting will be in November.

Minutes submitted by Jim Jansen, Committee Chair.