

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

Planning Committee Meeting

April 21, 2014

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, 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; Sharon Bliefernicht, Director of Human Resources; Paul Buchholz, Coordinator of Building and Grounds; Mark DiStefano, High School Principal; Donna Pivonka, Director of Student Services; and Steve Vessey, Superintendent. Also present was a representative from Kunkel Engineering.

Ms. Bliefernicht presented an update on the staffing for 2014-15, as well as updates on kindergarten enrollments and the summer school staffing plan. Math Interventionists have been removed due to an evaluation of Literacy Support Teacher positions and roles. This may come back in the future. There are no other changes. She reported the 5-year old kindergarten enrollment is projected to be less than 200; not including 11 open enrollment applications, and 4-year old kindergarten is currently at 241 students. This may result in fewer sections, which will be managed via transfers since there are open elementary positions that will not be filled yet. Support staffing will be reviewed next. She provided a summer school staffing update with proposed salaries and adding two assistant principals for summer school, as there are no longer 260-day elementary principals.

Mr. Buchholz presented two options for the High School student parking lot. Option 1 costs \$279,000 for a "pulverize and overlay" and option 2 is \$406,000 for reconstruction. The first option would last 7-10 years and option 2 would be 15+ years. A third option is to add 3-4" over existing base and pulverize, then overlay. The estimated cost is \$307,000 with a life of maybe 12 years. Approximately \$250,000 was budgeted for this project. There is an option to crack fill/seal and slurry over which would last 3-5 years at a cost estimate of \$80,000. This would be a good option to get through during the strategic planning process for setting priorities in the future.

Ms. Pivonka presented information regarding students who are open enrolled into the district and how that has impacted services and caseloads, specific to self-contained and modified self-contained programs. The types of students being served are changing. The number of Other Health Impaired students and students with mental health issues are increasing. The district has to serve students who move in, but has more latitude to deny open enrollment applications from students residing in other districts. She shared a rating method that DPI has established. This scale was used to evaluate caseloads and it showed the district has a high number of open enrollment students in Emotional Behavioral Disability (EBD) programs plus there has been a high move-in rate of students with EBD. Caps cannot be placed only for the EBD program; it has to be reviewed system-wide.

Mr. Avery presented a recommendation to increase lunch prices by \$0.15 and milk prices by \$0.05/carton. There is no recommendation to increase breakfast prices. The USDA program guidelines will require prices to increase by at least \$0.11.

Mr. Avery presented an update on the developing 2014-15 budget. The budget is close to being balanced after an initial projection of a \$1M deficit. In the next month, the details will be added and a formal budget presented in May.

Ms. Bliefernicht and Mr. Avery presented a report detailing the health insurance renewals options. They will present the costs of the various options to the insurance committee on April 24th. A final recommendation will come forward to the Board in May.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19th.

Minutes submitted by Marge Jorgensen, Committee Chair.