

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

Planning Committee Meeting

November 4, 2013

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 6:15 p.m. Board members present: Marge Jorgensen, Lisa Panzer, Chad Prieve, and Joanne Tyjeski. Administration present: Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

Ms. Garbowicz summarized a set of curriculum realignment projects that are currently being moved forward. The realignment projects are mainly in science at the secondary level. The key decision for the board will be whether to require a physical science (chemistry or physics) as one of the three science credits required for graduation.

Ms. Garbowicz is working with the secondary language arts teachers to select a resource collection that would guide the grades 6-12 curriculum. The collection under review is designed to bring a wider and more rigorous selection of texts to students that are accompanied by specific and diverse writing and speaking exercises.

Ms. Garbowicz also presented a proposal from the elementary music department that would bring more instrumental skills into the elementary music program.

Mr. Vessey explained that the joint WIAA\DPI manual regarding Title IX compliance dictates that if a school district receives a donation to a specific gender sport, the district must make the same contribution to the other gender sport. This guideline would complicate the district receiving a large donation for the purpose of purchasing a lighting system for the boys' baseball diamond. The group that was working to fundraise these funds has moved their efforts to raising funds to build a city adult hardball diamond.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Marge Jorgensen, Committee Chair.