

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

**Planning Committee Meeting**

**December 16, 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 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Marge Jorgensen, John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Chad Prieve, and Gary Spielman. Administration present: Bob Avery, Director of Business Services, and Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning.

Ms. Garbowicz presented a curriculum proposal (Orff for All) for the music department to add drums at the elementary level. If approved, this would be built into the 2014-15 budget. Ms. Garbowicz recommends approval, if it fits in the budget. She said board action could wait until February, but if this committee is willing to make the recommendation, January would be better. It would help with planning,

Ms. Garbowicz presented a proposal to require one of the 3 required science credits to be a physical science credit – physics or chemistry. Because of timing with High School registration, action at the next board meeting would be ideal.

Ms. Garbowicz requested to maintain the allocation for curriculum materials at the same level for 2014-15 as it was in 2013-14. This amount was increased by \$180,000 from 2012-13. Looking at an 18-month cycle for curriculum review, instead of 12 month.

The 11th Grade English proposal originated from public comment to the school board. Ms. Garbowicz requested to make one of the AP electives available, as an alternative to English 11, currently required of all juniors. This would start with the 2014-15 school year. She stated that all High School English curriculum needs to be reviewed in the future.

Mr. Avery presented a sample 2014-15 budget planning timeline, as well as budget parameters for use as the frame within which to build next year's budget. Without changes to programs and services, and some cost escalators, a very preliminary projection is a deficit of just a under \$1M. This is the starting point to work towards building a balanced budget for next year. There are a number of variables that will come into play in the next several months that will impact this projection.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2014.

Minutes submitted by Marge Jorgensen, Committee Chair.