

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

Planning Committee Meeting

February 24, 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: Paul Buchholz, Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, Mark DiStefano, High School Principal, Sandra Garbowicz, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Steve Vessey, Superintendent.

Mr. Buchholz provided an update on the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning maintenance in the district and the schedule for upgrading equipment.

Ms. Garbowicz presented curriculum scope and sequence information for US History, English Language Arts, and Science courses at the High School. There was discussion concerning moving US History to 8th grade and replacing US History at 9th grade with World Cultures. The 2014-15 school year will be a dual year with US History for both 8th and 9th grade. The curriculum proposal for World Cultures will be brought forward in the 2014-15 school year to begin in the 2015-16 school year.

Mr. Vessey explained that the district has charged a \$5.00 flat fee for summer school courses intended to offset costs of consumable materials. Through an audit process, it was found that the fees collected exceeded the consumable materials cost per class. He recommended that the committee endorse a fee schedule for 2014 that is based on consumable materials cost by course rather than a \$5.00 flat fee per course. In addition, all remedial courses, as determined by the summer school coordinator, will be free of charge. At this time the actual proposed fees are not set, but they will be set and presented at the March committee meeting. He explained that the District does not claim participation in drivers' ed for state aid purposes and can set fees that cover the entire cost of the course. Last year, this fee was \$250.00 and no change is recommended for 2014.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 17th.

Minutes submitted by Marge Jorgensen, Committee Chair.