Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

January 18, 2021

A meeting of the Teaching and Learning Committee of the Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center at 5:30 p.m. Board committee members present: John Kraus, Jr., Lisa Panzer, and Gary Spielman.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided background information on Educator Effectiveness. The district currently uses the DPI model. CESA 6 supports the Effectiveness Project, which is a similar authorized model. Both of these systems were evaluated to determine the best fit for success moving forward. The goal is to provide effective support and coaching for staff, promoting continuous improvement. He reviewed the benefits and disadvantages of the model and recommended that the district transitions to the CESA 6 Effectiveness Project for evaluation of certified staff and principals beginning in the 2021-22 school year. The transition will provide a renewed focus on continuous improvement and coaching of all staff. The transitional factors will be minimal since the base requirements and processes are the same as the district's current model.

Mr. Meyer and Mr. Peters, District Assessment and Technology Officer, updated the committee on At-Risk programming. They clarified the High School level At-Risk programming and supports and detailed potential supports and schedules for students who qualify for At-Risk services. The reviewed the implementation plan, including DSLA student transition and studentage parent supports. They provided various student scenarios and the goal for each scenario. A recommendation to the full board in February to certify the union of services to Beaver Dam High School rather than DSLA operating as a separate entity and authorize the continued planning and implementation of programs over a 2-3 year period, to be formally authorized in July 2021.

Mr. Meyer reviewed calendar adjustments to the 2021-2022 school year calendar. Based on feedback from the Staff Advisory Team, the inservice day scheduled for February 21 was moved to February 18. There will be professional development during the morning and staff will be not be required to work in the afternoon. The half-day will be made up in the fall with required online trainings.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2021.