

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

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

October 14, 2019

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: Tony Klatt, Laura Lerwick, and Joanne Tyjeski.

Dr. David, Director of Teaching and Learning, reported on the progress of the English Language Arts (ELA) review. Literature and data are currently being reviewed along with materials. Instructional approaches are being discussed, including whole vs. small groups and novels vs. snippets. The state standards are used to guide discussion. The next steps include identifying guiding principles and priority standards grades K-12, as well as looking at specific writing efforts and grammar skills. Meetings are blended with the Curriculum Instruction Assessment (CIA) meetings. Interested board members are welcome to participate in the committee's work.

Dr. David provided an update on the Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) Grant. This effort is through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as the result of graduation rates at Don Smith Learning Academy (DSL). The graduation rates do not align with the expectations. A variety of strategies and approaches to improve graduation rates and meet expectations have been applied. The Middle School has implemented a mentoring program, the High School is working on culture building, and all schools continue to focus on attendance. Dr. David is working with a CESA 6 representative to conduct and review a data inquiry and meet the other demands of the grant. She has also been meeting with the DPI to review various protocols and expectations. The district is also working through the Value-Up program focusing on the Middle School, DSL, and the High School. She shared upcoming meeting information and dates and invited board representation on the internal task force effort. She welcomed board members to attend any of the meetings.

Dr. David reviewed requirements for certified staff professional development. The 24-hour requirement has become more flexible to allow for a variety of opportunities to meet the requirement. She reviewed the number of district offerings and the number of staff who currently completed the requirement and the number who exceeded the requirement. The professional development requirement must be completed by early June. Survey results from the sessions are used to develop future offerings.

The next Teaching and Learning Committee meeting is scheduled for November 18.