

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

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

November 16, 2020

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., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, and Gary Spielman.

Dr. Schieffer, Director of Student Services, reported on the District Strategic Action to increase student and family social-emotional outreach efforts unique to current realities. She explained the definition of social-emotional learning and provided an overview of the outreach efforts and activities. She shared resources to help staff and families, including resources teachers use with students. She reviewed the various elementary, middle school, and high school activities to promote mental health wellness. She reviewed the mission and vision of the district's Allies in Mental Health Education.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the course proposals and curricular adjustments. New courses proposed for the High School include Introduction to Computer Science, Spanish for Heritage Speakers, Journalism, and CAPTive Voices. Revisions are proposed for High School English Language Arts and High School Science. These proposals and adjustments will be presented to the full board for action at the December regular board meeting.

Mr. Meyer and Mr. Peters, District Assessment and Technology Officer, updated the committee on Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and At-Risk programming. Background information was provided on the CSI designation at the Don Smith Learning Academy. A draft of the proposed BDHS At-Risk Program for 2021-22 was shared. The district focus is with an emphasis on addressing At-Risk needs at the High School level and K-12 will blend Response to Intervention (RtI) processes and supports with At-Risk supports. An overview of past High School Level At-Risk supports was provided, along with CSI grant focal points and strategic plan alignment. Pathways to Graduation information was reviewed. It proposes offering one diploma beginning in the 2021-22 school year with multiple pathways to achieve it and having one graduation ceremony for all students. An overview was provided of the continuum of services and special education services. The At-Risk information will be presented to the full board in December for discussion.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2021.