

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

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

February 17, 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: Laura Lerwick, Chad Prieve, and Joanne Tyjeski.

Dr. White, 4K Coordinator/District Communications Officer, and Ms. Pivonka, Director of Student Services, presented information on the increased number of special education students in the 4-year old kindergarten and early childhood programs. The majority of the students attend Prairie View Elementary School and there is one teacher providing support to the other sites. They proposed adding an elementary school site to meet the many parent requests. Wilson Elementary School is a consideration and Jefferson Elementary School could be a future possibility. Costing information was shared for additional staffing, if it is needed, along with costs to outfit a classroom. They also reported that some districts are beginning to offer all day 4K and this plan would provide for flexibility.

Dr. David, Director of Teaching and Learning, reported on the At-risk and alternative education process. She reviewed the definition of at-risk students in addition to the priority statement. The district lacks systemic interventions to help at-risk students in grades 6-12. The committee reviewed the district's history of interventions, which were academic driven. A Study Team is currently charged with analyzing current practices against best practices for at-risk students and making a recommendation in May to be presented to the full board in June.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 20.