

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

**Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**

**April 18, 2022**

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: Bev Beal-Loeck, Mary Kuntz, John Kraus, Jr., and Lisa Panzer.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, reported that board policy 5722 – School Sponsored Publications and Productions is suggested for review by the district’s board policy service, NEOLA. Technology-based media has evolved since the last revision prompting the need for review. He shared the process and development plan for reviewing the policy, which will include a Core Development Team to review suggested language/options from NEOLA and obtain feedback from other teams of stakeholders. He reviewed the actions and timeline with the goal that the policy will be presented to the board for first reading in August and final reading and adoption in September.

Mr. Meyer presented two options for the 2023-2024 school year calendar for discussion. With the first option, students begin on September 1, 2023, and the last day for students is May 31, 2024. The first day of class will be a Friday which could pose potential concerns but also provide some transition opportunities. The second option has students beginning on September 5, 2023, the day after a holiday, and the last day for students is May 31, 2024. Both options include 171 student contact days, 14 inservice days and 1 collaboration day. The calendars will be presented to the board at the May regular board meeting.

Mr. Meyer reported that during this school year, the district has engaged in conversations with local key partners to collaborate on supporting the school district and local employers. As a result, steps are being taken to move forward to connect the educational experience with local employers. He reviewed how this is or will be incorporated into the curriculum and Academic & Career Planning. Course offerings and pathways will continue to be evaluated to lead to educational and employment opportunities for students and workplace experiences for students will continue to be developed.

Mr. Meyer provided an update on the Middle School schedule. The schedule for the 2022-2023 school year has been developed and adjusted in response to previous scheduling concerns, social and emotional learning concerns, academic performance initiatives, and the benefits associated with elective courses. He reviewed a summary of the schedule, course offerings, and the benefits.

Mr. Krause, Prairie View Elementary Principal, presented an orchestra proposal to offer orchestra as a club for interested fourth grade students. It would be six-week sessions offered at each elementary school and held during the day, possibly at recess. He reviewed the current instructional model, provided historical data, current enrollment and retention data, and survey information from area school districts. The committee was supportive of moving forward with the club structure.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2022, at 5:30 pm.