

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

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

April 19, 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: Mary Kuntz, John Kraus, Jr., Lisa Panzer, and Gary Spielman.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided an overview of the district's Response to Intervention (RtI) system and Professional Learning Communities (PLC). He explained that the RtI and PLC process bring all district systems together through collaboration to ensure all students achieve at or above grade level. He reviewed the RtI beliefs, teams, culture of collective responsibility, and the team and schoolwide actions of each tier. He also provided a definition of PLCs along with the ideas and elements and an overview of district and school level PLCs.

Mr. Meyer presented a draft of the 2022-2023 school year calendar. He reported that modifications were made based on their feedback from various district teams and groups. The modifications include a no school day in October and February that aligns with Parent-Teacher Conferences, moving Spring Break to a week later in March as compared to the 2021-2022 calendar, and one inservice day at the end of the school year. He explained that there may be an opportunity to start school prior to Sept 1st with the potential for a waiver or results of pending legislation. An alternate "Early Start" version of the calendar has been created that would add additional instructional days and reduce the collaboration/in-service time. He recommended that the committee recommend approval of the 2022-2023 school year calendar at the regular board of education meeting in May.

Mr. Meyer provided an update on learning options for the 2021-2022 school year. He explained that schools will need to be flexible over the next few years to allow students to emerge from the pandemic with little to no unfinished learning. He reported that the district continues to evaluate the impacts of the pandemic, virtual student enrollments, students' success, and statewide trends. Families will be surveyed regarding their preference for online options next school year. He reviewed current considerations pending additional data and feedback.

The committee is not scheduled to meet in May. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21.