

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

**Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**

**September 25, 2023**

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 and Maria Mason. Absent: Lisa Panzer, and Gary Spielman.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented an update on Wisconsin Act 20 Reading Bill. He reviewed the purpose of the Act, which is to focus on science-based reading instruction in grades K-3. He provided an overview of actions at the State level and District level. District level actions include training for grade K-3 teachers, elementary principals, and district reading specialists, implementing the State's reading screener, developing an early literacy remediation plan, completing an annual report to the DPI, and writing and implementing a grade 3 to grade 4 promotion policy.

Mr. Meyer presented a draft of the 2024-2025 school year calendar. The calendar has a proposed start date prior to September 1 to allow for more flexibility at any site(s) that may be under construction in the Summer of 2025. The district will need to apply for a waiver to begin prior to September 1. A waiver requires a public hearing to allow for public input. The proposed start date is August 27 and end date is May 30. It has 172 student contact days that includes 13 inservice days and 1 teacher collaboration day. The calendar has 186 total days to meet the certified staff contractual requirements. The calendar will be discussed with parent and staff groups for feedback and a recommendation to approve the proposed 2024-2025 school year calendar will be presented to the board at the November regular board meeting.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 16.