Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

June 24, 2024

A meeting of the Teaching and Learning Committee of the Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Board committee members present: Mary Kuntz, Lisa Panzer, and Heather Scholz. Members absent: Maria Mason.

The committee received the board standing committee guidelines to review.

Lisa Panzer was selected as Committee Chairperson.

Dr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Sponholz, Director of Student Services, reported on procedural updates and planning for 2024-2025. Dr. Meyer reviewed the Teaching and Learning focus and overall focus areas, the Professional Learning Plan, and the Academic Standards for 2024-2025, which the board adopts annually. He highlighted the implementation of Act 20. He provided an overview of the district's curriculum course guides and materials and explained the board annually adopts the curriculum, utilizing the standards with the understanding that there are continued processes for development. He shared the support plan for students who may be at risk and explained that the board annually adopts a plan to support students who may at risk of not graduating with their peer group. He provided highlights of the Long-Range Plan for Library Services Development and an overview of Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Program data. Ms. Sponholz explained that the board will receive the annual recommendation to adopt the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Special Education Model Forms and Policies and Procedures Manual at the July regular board meeting. She presented the annual health service report and annual seclusion/restraint report for 2023-24, which will be presented for action at the July regular board meeting.

Dr. Meyer provided information about the Middle School book club and the process for selecting books. The district is looking to move the approval of the books from the building level to the district level. An advisory committee will be created to provide community input on selections offered at the Middle School level. The input will be used to affirm or modify any selections. Student participation in the book club is voluntary. He reviewed committee considerations and timeline.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 22.