

**WBWF Committee Minutes**  
**January 10, 2019**  
**District Conference Room**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Steve Stromme, Kristi Spohn, Greg Johnson, Nancy Trehey, Ron Paulsen, Cassie Novak, Ann Schultz, Angie Revier, Tim Wege, Jen Lecy, Scott Hansen, Amy Notch

**I. Welcome**

**II. Calendar for 2019-2020 School Year**

Superintendent Greg Johnson provided a paper copy of the new format for the school district calendar for 2019-2020. The committee examined dates, particularly around the winter holiday break. Discussion included key information that stakeholders look for on the calendar. The calendar will include the number of days in each quarter and trimester, total number of days for staff and students, date for graduation, dates for conferences, and dates for the back-to-school launch along with a list of days off and the reason for them. The district will continue to provide a day of flexible professional development for staff members in 2019-2020.

**III. Calendar for 2020-2021 School Year**

The committee reviewed the preliminary calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Items for discussion included the late Labor Day in September as well as how to best structure the winter holiday break. Committee members will continue to gather suggestions and feedback from others in order to make final decisions on the 2020-2021 calendar at a later meeting.

**IV. Strategic Plan Update: Personalized Learning**

Director of Teaching and Learning Amy Notch shared information on personalized learning, a movement the district is studying to improve learner opportunities and outcomes at Albany Area Schools. Members of the committee who have been on site visits to schools centered on personalized learning shared their observations of what personalized learning looks like at those schools. The committee also discussed what is not in the district's vision of personalized learning.

Committee members discussed some ideas to guide to the transition. A clear definition is important along with a dedicated focus of professional development time to the transition. Members of the committee feel it will be important to provide adequate time and flexibility as the district moves forward with this change.

## **V. Assessment Updates**

Notch shared an adjusted schedule for the ACT offered by the high school. In order to accommodate the timing of the ACT Prep class offered during third quarter, the majority of the students will take the ACT on the make-up date established by ACT, March 12th. Approximately 16 students will be testing February due to school activity conflicts with the March date.

Notch discussed the National Assessment for Educational Progress with the committee. Grade 8 students have been selected for testing this year. Parents were notified of the selection.

## **VI. Curriculum Updates**

Curriculum meetings for fine arts and physical education continue. Meetings are being held to begin the process of program study for the media team as well as the interventionists within the district.

## **VII. Additional Items**

Principal Wege shared that reauthorization of vocational programs is required every 5 years. In the past, each vocational program had a separate committee. With the latest reauthorization, the World's Best Workforce Committee will serve the purpose of providing feedback when needed.

## **VIII. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21st, at 3:30 in the district office conference room. The major focus of the agenda will be to explore community survey results.