



Discover yoga

Dean Hall photograph

Yoga instructor Tara Nolan (center) leads Breia Pfaller (left) and Claire Sherman (right) through various yoga positions Saturday, March 9, at the North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters.

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student to student and student to community.”

Bouché said career and technical education (CTE) is important for students to learn more about as they prepare for the real world.

“Mr. Umland embraces these concepts and helps our students move forward in these areas,” Bouché said “He is a real advocate for the student learner!”

Committee met four times

Umland said the committee and the many others that were created to look at other curricular areas, met four times the past two years in Wisconsin Dells.

“We met there because it was a more centralized location in the state than Madison is,” Umland. “There were a few hundred or so of us there working in our particular areas of the curriculum.”

According to Umland, his group closely examined and discussed past academic standards in Wisconsin, across the nation and in other states.

“We wanted to come up with a completed work that closely resembled the national standards, but also fit differences we have here in Wisconsin,”

“Mr. Umland has worked diligently to help students get the most out of his classes throughout the years. He gives them a rigorous, relevant education within his class with a great amount of relationship building; that relationship building is from student to teacher, student to student and student to community.”

Jim Bouché
LUHS principal

Umland said. “We went through all other academic standards and we were able to pick and choose what we felt fit for students in our state.”

Besides traveling to Wisconsin Dells for four very long meetings, Umland and other members of the committee had their own “homework.”

They took information and work from the meeting, completed it on their own time at home and then returned for the next committee meeting with a considerable amount of work completed.

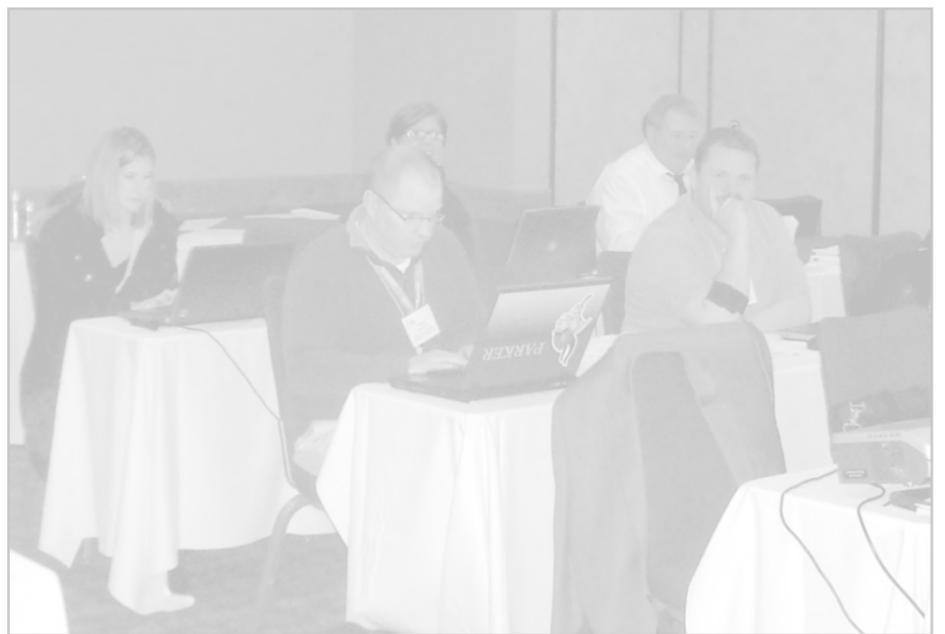
Not only were the committee members tasked with creating new academic standards for high school students, they also created new academic standards for junior high and elementary school students.

Evers: Important work

State Superintendent of Public Schools Tony Evers said the work by Umland and the others is very important because “standards serve as rigorous goals for teaching and learning.”

“Setting high standards enables students, parents, educator and citizens to know what students should learn at given points in time,” Evers said in a letter written to Umland thanking him for his service on the committee.

“With your help, the Department of



Submitted photograph

LUHS marketing and business education teacher Shawn Umland recently completed serving on a committee created by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to upgrade core class standards for students in Wisconsin. Umland (back right in white shirt) was the northern Wisconsin representative on the committee which had eight members. This photo was taken at one of the committee’s meetings in Wisconsin Dells.

Public Instruction has embarked on a tremendous initiative to update the model academic standards for each of the career and technical education areas. Those standards will pave the way for our students to be career and college ready.”

Bouché said Umland works to emphasize that point with students.

“He helps his students understand the importance of connecting with others and how that is beneficial for young people moving into the world of work,” Bouché said.

Umland said his involvement in the committee was a lot of work, but he’s

pleased to have had the opportunity to work and serve with other educators from around Wisconsin.

In his letter to Umland, Evers also thanked and praised LUHS.

“It is also important to thank the support you received from the Lakeland Union High School,” Evers said in the letter. “It is obvious they support your professional growth and also believe strongly that you can provide knowledge and perspective to this daunting, but very important, task.”

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schedule, and the management of traffic.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 5-6 p.m., at the Minocqua Center. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

The prime contractor for the reconstruction project is Pitlik and Wick Inc. of Eagle River.

According to Robin Stafford, project development supervisor for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, all design work for the project is complete.

“We’re at a point where everything has been finalized so when bidding took place contractors knew exactly what they were bidding on. The times for changes has passed,” Stafford said. “We’re proceeding with the project’s final design so no changes can be made now.”

According to Stafford, construction crews will:

- Replace the five-lane cross-section with new asphalt pavement and curb and gutter.
- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle accommodations via a wider outside travel lane for on-street bike users as well as a wider sidewalk. The enhanced accommodations include areas along Lake Minocqua, where pedestrians can rest and enjoy the view.
- Install a HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crossWalK) crosswalk just south of Rogers Drive. The HAWK crosswalk is a pedestrian hybrid beacon overhead signal activated by the pedestrian to stop traffic for a timed duration.
- Install new street lighting, which will provide continuous lighting along the corridor.
- Replace storm, sanitary and water lines. This effort will also improve the

storm water quality discharging into the lake. The installation of these new lines will be paid for by the Lakeland Sanitary District.

According to Stafford, for the majority of construction, at least one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Motorists may encounter additional lane reductions and flagging operations. To minimize impacts during the tourist season, there will be no construction activities on the roadway during the months of July and August.

“We’re going to do as much of the project as we can before July 1 and then stop construction work until around Sept. 1,” Stafford said. “It’s going to be a pretty aggressive work schedule.”

According to Stafford, the first stage of construction will occur from April 1 to June 28 (from the water tower to just south of Island Cove Drive). The second stage of construction will occur from

Sept. 3 to late November (from south of Island Cove Drive to just north of the intersection with Old Highway 70). The project is scheduled for completion in November 2013.

Stafford said work will begin April 1 on installing a new culvert or pipe under the causeway that runs between Lake Minocqua and the Mill Pond.

“They’re going to have to drive in a series of pilings after cutting a hole in the ice to create a dry area for them to work in while they replace that pipe that runs between the lake and the pond,” Stafford said.

The project will be paid for with a combination of federal, state, and local transportation funds.

“The entire project that goes through Minocqua must be completed by Nov. 30,” Stafford said.

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