CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 22, 2010 WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson Ms. Amanda Hetrick
Mr. Jack Werner Mrs. Rosemarie Green
Dr. Paul Yourchisin Mrs. Diane Martin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Amy Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT:

Donna Zariczny	Arthur Stewart	Brian Collopy	Dean Wells, WTO
Tom Knapp	Dr. Robert Terrill	Matt Jones	Brian Ferry, WTO
MaryAnn Paris	Dr. Karen Pascale	Marty Mahan	Cindy Nyquist
John Grant	Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht	Stacey Ludwig	Lisa Niedzialek

Jeff Lockett Petter Turnquist Debra Bosko

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by Mrs. Kimberly Angove.

1.2 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Old Business – There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 Contract Approval for "Brain-Based Learning Institute"

Discussion: A staff development opportunity for a four day workshop dealing with brain-based instructional strategies is being offered by Staff Development for Educators. A copy of the agreement was provided. It would be held in June 2010 and would accommodate approximately 30 to 35 teachers. Funding would be provided through Title IIA grant funds. A committee member asked what was meant by "brain-based". An administrator explained that "brain-based" learning referred to how the individual's mind determines how one learns. As was determined by many studies, males learn differently than females, and the environment, such as certain aromas and music in the background, also affects the learning process.

Action: This was forwarded to the Finance Committee.

3.2 GRANT: Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant **Discussion:** This grant is being made available for the initiation, expansion, or enhancement of physical education programs, both during the school day and after school. The funds can be used for equipment, for support to enable students to participate, and for professional development for staff. Only 100 awards are expected to be made. The award could be up to \$900,000 over a three-year period. Matching funds of 10% the first year and 25% the following two years would be required. If this application is not awarded, another possible source of funding would be the Highmark

Action: This will be forwarded to the board for approval.

Healthy High 5 Challenge Grant.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to develop and submit an application to the US Department of Education Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant in support of physical education improvements in the Warren county School District

3.3 GRANT: Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Alcohol Education Grant **Discussion:** The PA Liquor Control Board is offering up to \$15,000 to initiate programs that will develop strategies to address underage drinking. The administration is presently working with local organizations that have experience in this area to determine if programs are available that could be implemented through these funds. There is a matching funds requirement of 25% cash.

Action: This item will be forwarded to the board for approval.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to apply to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Alcohol Education Program for up to \$15,000 to deliver alcohol education programming to Warren County School District students.

3.4 GRANT: PA Department of Labor and Industry AGA Grant

Discussion: A grant is being made available for the delivery of training for veterans, dislocated workers, and youth. This could be done through apprenticeships programs, basic skills training, on-the-job training, and additional training for those already employed. There is a projected growth in the oil and gas field, so funds would be directed to that area of training. The administration has begun discussions with the Warren-Forest Higher Education Council to form a collaboration to develop programming and acquire equipment to provide training in this field for Career Center students and adults.

Action: This item will be forwarded to the board for approval.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to collaborate with the Warren-Forest Higher Education Council to develop an application to the PA Department of Labor and Industry AGA Grant to be used for the development of programming and the purchase of equipment necessary to deliver training to both adults and Warren County Career Center students in the oil and gas industry.

4. Informational Items

4.1 WCCC – Update for Auto Collision/Technology

The committee members were presented with an update regarding allowing welding in the Auto Technology and Auto Collision shops at the Warren County Career Center. There was no discussion.

5. Other

5.1 Course Requests

A committee member asked that a summary of student course requests be presented at the March 2010 CIT Committee meeting. If this information is not available in time to report at the March meeting, it will be presented at the April 2010 meeting.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting - March 22, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Warren County Career Center

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee