

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 1, 2010
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson
Mr. Jack Werner
Dr. Paul Yourchisin

Ms. Amanda Hetrick
Mrs. Diane Martin
Mrs. Amy Stewart
Mrs. Rosemarie Green

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Donna Zariczny	Dr. Robert Terrill	Matthew Jones	Stacey Ludwig
Tom Knapp	Petter Turnquist	Jeff Flickner	Wendy Norris
John Grant	Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht	Delores Berry	Sue Turner
Jeff Lockett	Brian Collopy	Nate McNett	Brian Ferry, WTO
Arthur Stewart	Paul Giannini	Darlene Albaugh	Lisa Niedzialek

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Mrs. Kimberly Angove.

1.2 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. Old Business

2.1 School to Work Agreement

Discussion: A copy of the agreement was provided. This agreement was discussed at a previous committee meeting. The cost of the program is included in the preliminary budget. There was a question as to whether this agreement could be approved prior to the adoption of the final budget. It was agreed that verbiage would be included in the motion for the Board to indicate that the approval of the agreement was pending on designated funds being made available in the approved final budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval, with a change in verbiage.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the attached contract between the Hi-Ed Council and the WCSD for School to Work services.

2.2 Adult Diploma Program

Discussion: A copy of the agreement was provided. This agreement was discussed at a previous committee meeting. The cost of the program is included in the preliminary budget. There was a question as to whether this agreement could be approved prior to the adoption of the final budget. It was agreed that verbiage would be included in the motion for the Board to indicate that the approval of the agreement was pending on designated funds being made available in the approved final budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval, with a change in verbiage.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the attached agreement between the Hi-Ed Council and the WCSD for Adult Education services.

2.3 SBU/WCSD Dual Enrollment Agreement Draft

Discussion: A copy of the agreement was provided. Chris Byham, the school district's solicitor, worked in conjunction with a legal representative of St. Bonaventure University to draw up the agreement. The agreement is very similar to the agreement used for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Dual Enrollment Agreement as presented.

3. New Business –

Discussion: Items 3.1 through 3.6 were discussed as a unit.

Summaries were provided for each grant.

The Perkins grant benefits all subject areas within the Warren County Career Center. Among many other benefits of this grant, one half of one district employee's salary is paid with this grant. This grant also helps to pay for tutoring, which could be covered by the PACT (EAP) grant if funds were not available through the Perkins grant.

The Ellwood grant is more specifically designated for machining as that is the primary function of the contributor. There are no permanent school district hires related to the Ellwood grant.

There was no discussion regarding the other grants.

3.1 GRANT: Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant, Secondary Local Plan for WCCC

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit a Secondary Local Plan grant request to the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant on behalf of the Warren County Career Center, to be used for salaries, contracted/professional services, staff conferences/training, field trips, equipment and supplies, and other needs related to the mission of the Career Center.

3.2 GRANT: Tax Incentive Rebate Program with Ellwood National Forge

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to apply to Ellwood National Forge for a portion of the tax rebate monies it designates for local use in Warren County. Any such rebate would be designated to support Warren County Career Center programs.

3.3 GRANT: Dollar General Back to School Literacy Grant

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with interested teachers to prepare applications to the Dollar General Back to School Literacy Grant program in support of literacy projects in district buildings.

3.4 GRANT: LSTA Library Collection Development

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with district librarians to apply for an LSTA Collection Development Grant in an amount of up to \$5,000 for any district building identified as needing collection improvement and meeting funder requirements.

3.5 GRANT: McDonald's Make Activities Count (MAC) Classroom Grant

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with interested teachers to develop applications to the McDonald's MAC Grant in support of classroom activities.

3.6 GRANT: "The Stock Market Game" Program

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to develop a grant application to the Community Foundation of Warren County in the amount of \$3,000 to support the implementation of "The Stock Market Game" program in 2010-2011 at various grade levels throughout the district.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Welding Lab Discussion

Discussion: Joy Mining, an employer from Franklin, PA, would like to form a partnership with the Warren County Career Center to train students for a specific type of welding that is needed for their business. The training would also provide a beneficial skill that could be needed for employers other than Joy Mining. This would require a revision to the curriculum and planned instruction for welding to include the local competencies.

The administrator of the Career Center mentioned that the Board will most likely hear of more requests for local competencies over the years for any or all of the courses taught at the Career Center. She also stated that the curricula for the courses being offered are ever-changing and will need revisions to keep up with the times. The state curriculum requirements are just the basics, and local competencies can be added if desired.

The partnership would require an electrical system upgrade that would cost approximately \$18,200. The welding instructor has commitments from local businesses to contribute \$5,500 to help offset the cost of the upgrade.

Joy Mining would be contributing equipment and wiring with an approximate value of \$30,000. There was concern for the cost of maintaining this equipment. It would have to be included in

the budgeting process. This may be a great opportunity to keep students in the local economy after graduation, but it needs to be determined whether funding is available.

Joy Mining is currently paying from \$18.00 to \$22.00 per hour for employees with the skills needed to operate the donated equipment. However, there would be no guarantees that the students would be employed by Joy Mining.

The administration will look at the actual costs, determine where funding may be available, and will bring an update to the August committee meeting.

5. Other

5.1 Alternative Education Services Agreement

A copy of the agreement between the Warren County School District and Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems as part of the two-tier Alternative Education Program was provided as a handout. It will also be emailed to the Board members. This agreement will be brought to the June 14, 2010 Board meeting as an agenda item under “Other”, giving the Board time to discuss it.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – June 28, 2010 at the Warren County Career Center, following the Physical Plant and Facilities Committee Meeting

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson

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