

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
**MINUTES**

July 26, 2010

WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson  
Mr. Jack Werner  
Mrs. Donna Zariczny for Dr. Yourchisin

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Paul Yourchisin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Stewart	Dr. Robert Terrill	Rhonda Decker	Ruth Huck
Tom Knapp	Norbert Kennerknecht	Ruth Nelson	Claudia Solinko
John Grant	Brian Collopy	Ann Buerkle	Dean Wells, WTO
Jeff Lockett	Matthew Jones	Jeff Flickner	Debra Bosko
Mary Ann Paris	James Miller	Delores Berry	Lisa Niedzialek
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1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM by Mrs. Kimberly Angove.

1.2 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. Old Business

2.1 Agreement between Warren County Schools and Forest Area Schools for Beacon Light Alternative Education

**Discussion:** A draft of the agreement between the Forest Area School District (FASD) and the Warren County School District (WCSD) for the purchase of five seats in the Beacon Light Alternative Education Program (Tier II of the WCSD Alternative Education Program) was presented. Chris Byham, the solicitor for WCSD and FASD, may make some minor changes after he discusses the contract with the FASD. A final draft will be made available for the next Board meeting.

**Action:** The revised agreement will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the contract between Forest Area School District and Warren County School District as presented. (Revised agreement)

### 3. New Business

#### 3.1 Policy 9742 and Credit for College Courses

**Discussion:** A revision of Policy 9742 that will allow additional weight and credit for college courses that are taken in post-secondary institutions that are accredited in Pennsylvania was presented. The school district must have an agreement with each institution before credit would be allowed. Credit would be determined in the same manner as Dual Enrollment courses.

A first draft of a district procedure related to the revised policy was also presented for the committee members' information.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the revisions to "Policy 9742 – Class Rank/Honors Credits – Class of 2011 and Beyond" on first reading as presented.

#### 3.2 Character Education Planned Instruction

**Discussion:** The state requires the district to provide instruction in behavior management, drug and alcohol awareness, and healthy lifestyles to students in the Alternative Education Program. The planned instructions that were presented are designed to meet this requirement. The courses were developed by a cross-curricular team that represented administrators, physical education staff, special education staff, and language arts staff. No additional supplies and staffing will be needed to implement these courses.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instructions as presented.

#### 3.3 GRANT: School-Based Behavioral Health

**Discussion:** This grant is intended to support the development of prevention, intervention, and intensive service delivery or crisis management needs of students. The district would be in partnership with a behavioral health provider. The outcome of the program is to develop a decision-making framework that guides selection and implementation of practices that have worked well for improving behavior in students. The Central Attendance Area schools have been selected for the full implementation of this program as these schools have the highest rate of behavioral problems. The staff of these schools could then offer training to the other schools in the district.

A report that would indicate how our district intends to continue with the program would need to be submitted to the state. This program should not require additional funds in subsequent years as all the training would be done by district staff members.

A presentation regarding the School-Wide Positive Behavior Support program, which is available on the Electronic School Board Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology

Committee Meeting of July 26, 2010, was presented by the principals of Warren Area Elementary Center (WAEC) and Beaty Warren Middle School. These two schools have already implemented some of the ideas from this program. The principals feel that it would be advantageous to also include South Street Early Learning Center so that the students would be accustomed to the methods used in the program before they get to WAEC.

A PaTTAN representative had told one of the Directors that the school district is in an excellent position for this grant, and he commended the principals and the team of teachers for their efforts regarding behavioral support.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit a grant application for up to \$42,000 to the Pennsylvania Department of Education School-Based Behavioral Health Grant, with the intent of developing and implementing school-wide behavioral supports in one or more buildings in the district.

(At this point, the meeting was suspended at 8:04 PM for a Special Board Meeting. It reconvened at 8:42 PM.)

#### 3.4 Agreement with Habitat for Warren County and the Warren County Career Center

**Discussion:** The agreement that was presented may have some minor revisions before going to the Board for approval. Revisions from Habitat of Warren County should be coming by the end of July.

Habitat will provide the materials needed for the construction. Insurance coverage will be verified. Inspectors on the site will not need to obtain clearances as a district employee will be with them while they are on the site.

Delores Berry was recognized for her efforts. It was mentioned that this is a great learning opportunity for the students.

**Action:** The revised agreement will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement between the Habitat for Warren County and the Warren County Career Center as presented. (Revised agreement)

#### 4. Informational Items

4.1 Summer School Report – A report of the number of courses and students taking those courses was presented, along with a cost summary. It was determined that there may be a need to raise the tuition fees for next year's program.

4.2 Attendance Area Transfers – At the June committee meeting, there was discussion regarding the number of attendance area transfers that have been requested for students

to attend the Warren Area Elementary Center. As a follow-up to that discussion, a report was presented that depicted the number of students that have transferred into the school.

5. Other – There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – August 30, 2010 at the Warren County Career Center, following the Physical Plant and Facilities Committee meeting which begins at 7:00 PM.

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson

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