

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

June 28, 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
Tom Knapp
John Grant
Jeff Lockett

Dr. Robert Terrill
Petter Turnquist
Brian Collopy
Matthew Jones

Ruth Nelson
Ruth Huck
Sue Turner
Anita Pellegrino

Louann English
Cindy Nyquist
Colin Kyler, WTO
Debra Bosko
Lisa Niedzialek

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Mrs. Kimberly Angove.

1.2 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. Old Business – There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 Head Start Contract – Sheffield Elementary School

Discussion: The Head Start Program wants to lease a room in the Sheffield Elementary School. Space is available. The children involved in this program at this site will eventually be attending the school. A one-year lease agreement was presented for the Board's perusal. The fee that will be charged for the year is \$4050. The contract has been reviewed by the school district's solicitor and is very similar to the contract that the district has for a room at Youngsville High School.

Action: This item will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the June 28, 2010 Special Board Meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the lease of a classroom at Sheffield Elementary School to Head Start for one year in the amount of \$4050.00.

3.2 GRANT: Installation Costs of Donated Welding Equipment at WCCC

Discussion: Joy Manufacturing has recently donated machinery to the Warren County Career Center for its welding program. Electrical upgrades will need to be performed at the estimated cost of \$18,200.00. Local businesses and industries and some individuals have donated money for the purpose of this upgrade. The Community Foundation of Warren County has offered to cover the remaining costs. The district would like to apply for a grant from the Community Foundation of Warren County for up to \$12,200.00 to defray the costs for the upgrade. Thanks were extended to all that offered monetary support for this project.

Action: This item will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the June 28, 2010 Special Board Meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit an application to the Community Foundation of Warren County for up to \$12,200.00 in grant funding to complete the installation of welding equipment donated by Joy Manufacturing to the Warren County Career Center.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Elementary Staffing Questions

Discussion: The Board members had been given the projected enrollments for the 2010-2011 school year, and the figures raised some concerns about class sizes, particularly at the Warren Area Elementary Center (WAEC). The concern was that second grade classes average 24 students per class and the third and fourth grades are very close to that number. Adding more classes is not an option as there is no more available space. Rosemarie Green, the director who oversees the elementary schools, and Ruth Nelson, the principal at WAEC, explained that there are a number of students who are removed from the regular classroom to work with Joplin teachers (grades 4 and 5) and Title I teachers (grades 2 and 3) and that the arrangement works well. There are also 30 Life Skills students that are counted in the enrollment for the grade levels but are not in the regular classrooms. These situations reduce the actual number of students in the regular classrooms.

It was asked why there are four third grade teachers rather than three teachers for 58 students at Youngsville Elementary/Middle School (YEMS). It was explained that this decision was based on the principal's recommendation as he knows the individual students and their needs. Also staff and space were available.

It was asked how the district can be assured that students are registered at the correct school. It was explained that registration requires proof of residency, such as utility bills.

It was mentioned that there are presently only 265 Kindergarten students registered in the district. This number will go up by 25 to 30 students when it gets closer to the start of the new school year. Nonetheless, the smaller class size needs to be kept in mind for

future discussions about subjects that depend on enrollment figures, such as building utilization.

The enrollment figures indicated that kindergarten class sizes were smaller at South Street Early Learning Center (SSEL) than at Allegheny Valley Elementary School (AVES). The question was raised as to why we aren't pulling some of those students back to SSEL. The response was that the transfer requests for kindergarten had just been addressed, and a number of the students that were supposed to attend AVES will be going to SSEL, thereby averaging out the class sizes.

5. Other – There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – July 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Warren County Career Center

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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