

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

September 27, 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:

Arthur Stewart	Dr. Robert Terrill	Eric Mineweaser	Dean Wells, WTO
Tom Knapp	Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht	Amy Beers	Colin Kyler, WTO
Donna Zariczny	Matt Jones	Gary Weber	Melissa McLean
Mary Anne Paris	Paul Leach	Stacey Ludwig	Lisa Niedzialek
John Grant	Michael Roney	Darlene Albaugh	1 other
Jeff Lockett	Rhonda Decker	Debra Bosko	

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Community-Based Instruction

Discussion: An Executive Summary was presented to the committee members that explained that this has been an ongoing program in conjunction with Bollinger Enterprises Incorporated that is designed for students that need intensive instruction for functional and daily living skills. It provides them with the opportunity to learn work skills as defined in their Individualized Education Plans (IEP's). The cost of the program would be met with IDEA funds and has already been included in the budget.

Action: It was asked if there was a contract with Bollinger Enterprises Inc. This will be investigated, and if a contract needs to come to the Board for approval, it will be placed under "Other" on the agenda so that there will be opportunity for discussion at the meeting. If this is the case, the recommended motion will most likely change.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the release of 2010-2011 budgeted dollars in support of the Community-Based Instruction (CBI).

3.2 Barber Institute Contract

Discussion: The district has worked with the Barber National Institute for the last four years to provide services that support our autistic support programs. It is desired that the district utilize more of the services offered by the Institute. A contract has been created that outlines the services that they would provide. This contract is currently being reviewed by solicitors.

Action: The contract will be presented to the Board for approval at the October 11, 2010 meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Barber National Institute (BNI) contract.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Middle School Report from 2009-2010

A Power Point presentation regarding the Middle School Concept's being implemented was viewed, narrated by the Director of Secondary Education and the Middle School principals. Each principal spoke about what was working well in their building and what improvements still need to be made. Overall, the new scheduling has been working very well, and the teachers feel that it has been beneficial to both the students and themselves. Team planning has provided the benefit of being able to carry curricular skills across all subject areas with uniformity; what is learned in one class can be reinforced in another.

Items included in the presentation:

- Attendance Report – Attendance has been very good for a number of years and continues to be, with all Middle School buildings reporting attendance percentages in the mid-90's.
- Discipline Report – The number of discipline issues in the district has dropped.
- PSSA Scores – The percentage of students that scored at the Advanced and Proficient levels showed increases in most schools.
- Expanded Opportunities – Many students are taking advantage of Spanish I and Algebra I now being offered at the middle school level.
- Samples of Middle Level Research – Each building's research projects were listed by grade levels.
- Middle Level Interdisciplinary Units – Teachers in the core subjects collaborate for lessons and activities across the curriculum.
- Schools to Watch – Two middle schools have already applied for this designation and have found that, even if not awarded the designation of a School to Watch, the process has been very valuable to them. Updates

regarding the progress made toward the application were provided. The other two Middle Schools will be applying for this designation in the next school year.

- Career Education – Lists were presented for each building that depicted how the standards were being addressed.
- Reflections – These were the principals’ personal reflections of how the Middle School Philosophy has been working in their buildings. All comments were very positive, and the principals showed great enthusiasm.

4.2 Student Participation in School Board Governance

The committee chairperson had requested that committee members discuss the possibility of providing students the opportunity to somehow participate in committee and Board meetings. Policies from a number of school districts regarding student representation were made available as references. Three options for the Warren County School District were presented by the administration. After receiving input from committee members, it was decided that all three options would be presented at the next Board meeting under “Other” on the agenda to give all Board members a chance to discuss the possibilities.

5. Other

5.1 Invitation to “Health & Wellness Day” Activities

An invitation to attend activities that are being held at three school buildings on October 11, 2010 for “Health & Wellness Day” was presented to the Board members. The topics of the presentations on that day were included in the invitation. The Board members were encouraged to attend if possible.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – October 25, 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 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson

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