

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

June 27, 2011

WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Amy Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Ann Paris
Tom Knapp
Arthur Stewart
John Grant
Jeff Lockett
Donna Zariczny
Dr. Robert Terrill
Chris Byham
Jim Grosch

Norbert Kennerknecht
Barb Cook
Jim Miller
Matt Jones
Mike Kiehl
Brian Collopy
Paul Giannini
Paul Leach
Stacey Ludwig

Darlene Albaugh
Melissa McLean
Cindy Nyquist
Eric Tichy – WTO
Brian Ferry – WTO
Deborah Bosko
Denny Bonace
Lisa Niedzialek
15 others

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:44 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. Old Business

There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 Barber National Institute (BNI) Agreement

Discussion: An Executive Summary was provided, as well as a copy of the agreement. The BNI helps to provide intensive instruction and support for autistic students. An amount of IDEA funds is designated specifically for this purpose.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Barber National Institute (BNI) consulting contract agreement pending approval of the District's solicitor.

3.2 Community Based Instruction (CBI) Agreement

Discussion: An Executive Summary was provided, as well as a copy of the agreement. This agreement is in connection with Bollinger Enterprises Incorporated. Instructional support in a work study environment is provided to students with learning disabilities. The program is supported with IDEA funds.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the continuation of the Community Based Instruction (CBI) program as defined in the attached agreement with Bollinger Enterprises, Inc.

3.3 Software Updates: NovaNET, Successmaker, and Performance Plus

Discussion: All of this software has been in use within the District for the past school year or longer. Successmaker (SME) has proven to be a valuable tool for a large number of students. NovaNET has been successful in providing credit recovery courses and supports remediation and tutoring. Performance Plus is useful in providing curricular mapping and cross-curricular opportunities. It also stores assessment data and can be helpful in developing our own assessments. All three include tech support and regular updates.

If the QZAB opportunity is accepted by the Board, the cyber program that is part of the requirements of QZAB would not result in the duplication of licenses.

The administration will be evaluating other software programs that are similar to NovaNET. Options will be presented in the spring of 2012.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of the SME maintenance agreements.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of the NovaNET Software.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approved the purchase of Performance Plus Software.

3.4 Dual Enrollment 2011-12: Clarion University of Pennsylvania and Saint Bonaventure University

Discussion: Resolutions have already been approved by the Board for these institutions. Agreements were presented. The universities need to have an agreement in place to signify the District's commitment to the programs; these agreements can be revised in the future if necessary.

A committee member voiced concern regarding the students being required to provide their own transportation for the St. Bonaventure Dual Enrollment program.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to proceed.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to enter into dual enrollment agreements with Clarion University of Pennsylvania and Saint Bonaventure University for the 2011-12 school year, with the understanding that the Warren County School District reserves the right to provide no transportation to and from the program, nor financial assistance, to participating students.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Monthly Grant Report

This report is presented monthly to inform the Board members of the status of grant applications. A committee member asked if the District would soon be informed as to whether we would be receiving any of the pending grant monies prior to the end of the fiscal year. The grant writer will inquire.

5. Other

There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting

July 25, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Warren County Career Center

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary
Dr. Paul Yourchisin, Chairperson
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee