

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

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011  
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Stewart  
Jeff Lockett  
Donna Zariczny  
Mary Anne Paris  
Tom Knapp  
Brandon Hufnagel

Norbert Kennerknecht  
Jim Grosch  
Jim Miller  
Mike Kiehl  
Matt Jones  
Paul Leach

Louise Tharp  
Darlene Albaugh  
Eric Tichy – WTO  
Melissa McLean  
5 others

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Old Business

There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 Purchase of Equipment for the Power Equipment Technology Program

**Discussion:** This was a planned purchase, but it needed to be brought to the Committee and forwarded to the Board as the cost of the equipment is over the monetary threshold that can be spent without Board approval. The administration will be able to bring forward some of the competencies for the Oil and Gas component of the Power Equipment Technology Program at the CIT meeting of October 2011.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of the equipment for the Power Equipment Technology Program as presented.

### 3.2 Planned Instruction Updates

**Discussion:** The planned instructions for two computer courses had been previously approved, and there are no proposed changes in content, but the credit and the inclusion of the grade in the GPA for determining honor roll and merit honor roll had been omitted in the original submittal. These items were included in the presented planned instructions.

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

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

### 3.3 GRANT: Pennsylvania Business Week Grant for YHS

**Discussion:** A \$500 grant is being offered by the Warren-Forest Hi Ed School to Work Program for participation in the PA Business Week Program. Additional donations are being solicited. This is an in-school program that will be held October 17-21, 2011 at Youngsville High School. Local employers will act as mentors to students, showing them how to work as a team, having them use math skills in real-life situations, and introducing them to career possibilities. The students will operate simulated companies with the assistance of an assigned business advisor and an education advisor. At the end of the program, five competitions will be held: Advertising, Stockholders, Trade Shows, Return on Net Assets, and Top Company. This program has been utilized for several years and has been successful. One of the committee members stated that she had seen this program in operation in previous years and was very impressed.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit grant applications to the Warren-Forest Hi-Ed School to Work Program, and other funders as they are identified, to support PA Business Week activities at Youngsville High School for the 2011-12 school year.

## 4. Informational Items

### 4.1 Opportunity for Student Input

As it was already late in the evening, and the committee feels that this subject deserves a serious discussion, this item will be addressed at the October committee meeting. The feedback that has been received will be forwarded to members. The board policies that had been received from other school districts will again be made available. It was

requested that information on this topic be obtained from PSBA. Input was asked of and presented by Mr. Hufnagel as to how student representation was addressed in the district from which he comes.

#### 4.2 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and the WCCC

According to PDE, it is up to the individual school district as to whether they include grade 9 in a vocational program. The staff at the Warren County Career Center had concerns that the grade 9 students may not have the level of maturity that is needed for the Career Center setting; the students have a lot of freedom in these programs. They are also concerned that, as most of the courses taught are three-year programs, the certifications that students earn may expire before the student is out of high school. Students may possibly drop out of school if they earn a certification that will qualify them for a job before they have graduated.

An Executive Summary will be made available and will also be shared with Mrs. Martin so that she can share the information with the Transition Council.

#### 4.3 2011-12 Stock Market Game Funding Update

The Stock Market Game will be made available to students due to the Economics PA's securement of a \$3000 grant. The Community Foundation of Warren County has contributed \$2000, and the DeFrees Foundation has contributed \$1000.

The Stock Market Game is a classroom simulation that allows the players to invest in hypothetical stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Teams of students enter their trades online. Players compete with other schools in the local area.

### 5. Other

#### 5.1 Request for Field Trip to Spain and Italy

**Discussion:** The field trip request is for a trip at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. It is being brought to the committee now so that fundraising can begin. The trip will be available to all students in the district. The only expense to the district will be an inexpensive insurance rider for the students while they are abroad. If a charter school opens in the Northern Attendance Area, the trip will still take place. It was mentioned that a school district employee must go on the trip for the trip to be covered by the district insurance.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the field trip request as presented.

#### 5.2 A Board member asked how the emergency closure of the Warren County Career Center due to an electrical outage was handled. The administration described how students were accommodated.

- 5.3 A committee member mentioned that she has been struggling with the email and apologized for not getting some of her correspondence to all of the intended recipients. The emails in question were regarding textbooks. Concerns regarding textbooks that have not yet been distributed were addressed.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting

To be determined.

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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