

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2012

WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Paul Yourchisin, Chairperson
Mr. Michael Zamborik
Mr. Jack Werner

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Donna Zariczny
Thomas Knapp
John Grant
Nancy McDanel
Norbert Kennerknecht
James Grosch

Michael Kiehl
James Miller
Matthew Jones
Paul Leach
James Young
Suzanne Turner

Marcia Madigan
Darlene Albaugh
Ben Klein (WTO)
Josh Cotton (WTO)
Melissa McLean
7 others

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. New Business

2.1 Request for Bid Award – Semco Pump Hoist

Discussion: Bids were being accepted for the pump hoist, but only one company submitted a bid as it was for very specialized equipment that others don't supply. The only bid received was from Semco Inc. in the amount of \$32,662.00. This equipment meets industry standards and will be used in the Oil and Gas component of the Power Equipment Technology Program, allowing students to master competencies in the planned instruction. Funding will come from three grants.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the awarding of the bid for the Semco Pump Hoist to Semco, Inc. as presented.

2.2 Request for Bid Award – Roland 3D Scanner

Discussion: Three quotes were acquired for this item. The lowest quote received was for \$10,280.00 from ShapeTools, LLC. The equipment will be used in the Pre-Engineering Program at the Warren County Career Center in conjunction with the 3D printer that is already in place. Funding will be provided through the Ellwood VAP Grant.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of the 3D scanner using the quote of \$10,280 from Shape Tools, LLC.

2.3 GRANT: Carnegie Mellon Institute for Talented Elementary and Secondary Students (C-MITES) Support

Discussion: This grant offers a summer program for gifted students currently in grades four through six. Carnegie Mellon will rent the Learning Enrichment Center, where the program will be offered. It will take place July 9-13, 2012 and will include a course called Structures that deals with the geometry of building structures such as bridges and skyscrapers, allowing students to experience principles of engineering. The total cost is \$390.00 for students who have taken the C-MITES EXPLORE test and \$460.00 for those who have not taken the test. Grant funds will help to offset some of the cost to the families. Financial aid will be available.

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

Motion: That the Board of Directors authorizes the administration to submit a grant request of \$4,650 to the Community Foundation of Warren County to support the 2012 C-MITES program for students at the Learning Enrichment Center.

2.4 GRANT: Target Arts and Culture Grant

Discussion: Teachers within the district have expressed interest in applying for grants of up to \$2000.00 per project that are being offered by Target stores. They are to be used specifically to bring art and cultural experiences to classrooms and expand student creativity.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with interested WCSD classroom teachers to submit applications to the Target Arts & Culture grant competition.

2.5 Carl D. Perkins Secondary Local Plan 2012-13

Discussion: The intent of this grant is to develop the academic, career, and technical skills of students at the secondary level, develop programs that will lead to post-secondary education, provide professional development, and develop partnerships between local businesses and the school system. This grant has previously been awarded to the Warren County Career Center and has been used for salaries of staff in support roles, contracted services, professional services, field trips, conferences and training for staff, supplies, and equipment. The administration would like to prepare an application for the 2012-13 school year. The amount of the award is not known at this time. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has indicated that funding may be less than was received for the present school year (\$83,000.00). The actual amount should be known by the end of August 2012.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit a Perkins Local Plan Grant application to support academic, career, and technical programming at the Warren County Career Center in the 2012-2013 school year.

2.6 GRANT: Race to the Top, Phase III

Discussion: An overview was provided that described the first phases of the Race to the Top Grant. Phase III is the final stage of the grant program. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is now piloting models that are designed to improve the ways that teachers, specialists, and principals are evaluated and to enhance training and professional growth. The primary objective for this grant is to have participating districts to use the Pennsylvania's Educator Effectiveness Instruments and the evaluation process and results to make decisions regarding professional development and staff retention for the best possible support for student achievement. The amount of the reward could be anywhere between \$60,000.00 and \$89,000.00, based on Title I funding, and is the last distribution of the AARA (stimulus) money. There are seven buildings in the district that are involved in the pilot program. Administrators participated in a webinar on April 26, 2012 to learn more about state requirements for funding.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to develop a professional development plan that both implements and trains staff in the use of the Pennsylvania Educator Effectiveness Instruments and that the results be used to inform local decisions on professional development, staff retention, and student achievement.

3. Informational Items

3.1 Monthly Grant Report

A report was provided that depicted the grants for which the district has applied and their status. The grant writer was complimented on his good work.

4. Other

- 4.1 Tracking IEP's (Individualized Education Plans) – There was discussion regarding the use of software programs to track special education students' IEP's. The district is presently using IEP Plus to hold data for the state report that determines the funds that we receive for IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). This program makes certain that the reports are in compliance with state regulations. Performance Plus also holds student data, both regular and special education students. The administration is considering using an ILP (individualized learning plan) program for regular education students, which does not need to be reported to the state. A Board member suggested that it would be ideal if there was a program that would track both the special education and regular education students. The administration will contact the Intermediate Unit to see if there is something available to accomplish this.

5. Closing Activities

- 5.1 Next Meeting – May 29, 2012 at the Warren County Career Center, following the Personnel/Athletics and Co-Curricular Committee meeting

5.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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