

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

JULY 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:

Mary Ann Paris
Arthur Stewart
Thomas Knapp
Nancy McDanel
Donna Zariczny

Jacob Gorton, Student Representative
Brandon Hufnagel
Norbert Kennerknecht
James Grosch
James Miller

Michael Kiehl
Brian Collopy
Sue Turner
Josh Cotton – WTO
Melissa McLean
Members of the public

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

Kim Angove: She spoke about her concern regarding the use of ABG grant money to fund full-day kindergarten and about how the program will be funded when the district no longer receives this grant (Item 3.2). She also commented favorably regarding the pilot program for dual enrollment through the Pittsburgh University at Bradford (Item 3.9).

2. Old Business

There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 Title I Service Agreement through Intermediate Unit #5

Discussion: The agreement was provided. This agreement is a renewal of previous agreements that the district has had with the Intermediate Unit to provide required reading specialist services to St. Joseph School. It has been found that using IU personnel is more efficient and more cost effective than providing the services with district personnel. Funding

will be provided through Title I grant allocations. The solicitors for both parties are still going over the agreement to see if any verbiage needs to be changed.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval. (Post-meeting: The IU #5 withdrew their offer to supply these services.)

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the renewal of the interdistrict agreement with IU #5 for reading specialist services and directs that the agreement may only be modified prior to signature if the modifications are approved by the District's Solicitor.

3.2 GRANT: Accountability Block Grant

Discussion: The Pennsylvania Legislature approved almost \$500,000 in Accountability Block Grant funding for the district for the 2012-2013 school year. The funds can be used for a number of different but specific areas of education. The administration recommends that the funds be used to pay for salaries and benefits for as many full-day kindergarten teachers as the funds will allow. Any additional funds needed for full-day kindergarten teachers will come from the district's budget. If the district is not awarded the grant in the future, these teaching positions will be funded through district budget dollars or another grant, if available.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit an Accountability Block Grant application to the PA Department of Education in the amount of \$498,547, with funds being used to provide full-day kindergarten teachers for the 2012-13 school year.

3.3 GRANT: Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) Teacher Grant

Discussion: The Warren/Forest Chapter of this organization is offering four (4) awards for \$250 each to any teachers for grades K-12 for use in purchasing supplies or providing learning opportunities.

(In addition to offering this grant, this organization has asked to meet with the superintendent to discuss volunteering in the schools.)

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to assist interested district teachers with the completion and submission of a PASR grant application in support of allowable projects for the 2012-13 school year.

3.4 Barber National Institute (BNI) Agreement

Discussion: The Special Education Department would like to continue utilizing the BNI for consultation and services to support the autistic support programs in the district. There has been a slight increase in cost. The department has worked closely with the institute for the past five years, providing services to our students that would have previously been obtained directly from BNI. The autistic program is continuing to be built to provide the special needs of these

students. The agreement with BNI was provided. Federal IDEA allocations will fund the program.

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

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

3.5 Dual Enrollment Agreement with St. Bonaventure

Discussion: An agreement for the continuation of the St. Bonaventure Dual Enrollment Program was presented. All costs related to the courses will be the responsibility of the parents/guardians and students. The district will be providing transportation, as required in GIEP's, in the morning and at the end of the long session. If a student is enrolled for less than a full schedule, the parent/guardian or the student would be responsible for arranging transportation.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the attached dual enrollment/concurrent enrollment agreement with St. Bonaventure University and directs that the agreement may only be modified prior to signature if the modifications are approved by the District's Solicitor.

3.6 Dual Enrollment Agreement with Clarion

Discussion: An agreement for the continuation of the online Clarion University Dual Enrollment Program was presented. All costs related to the program will be the responsibility of the parents/guardians and students.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the attached dual enrollment/concurrent enrollment agreement with Clarion University and directs that the agreement may only be modified prior to signature if the modifications are approved by the District's Solicitor.

3.7 GRANT: Educational Jobs (EduJobs) Fund Supplemental Allocation

Discussion: Additional funds have been allocated to the state's Education Jobs Fund. The district had completed a grant application, requesting reimbursement, in May 2012, and those funds were made available at the end of June 2012. The current award of over \$25,000 being made available now is supplemental to the original request.

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 request to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for an Educational Jobs Fund allocation in the amount of \$25,464.00, to be applied toward instructional staff salary/benefits costs incurred in 2011-12.

3.8 GRANT: PA CARES 2012-13 Technical Assistance Award

Discussion: The Center for Safe Schools is offering up to ten (10) hours of technical assistance to schools that are recent recipients of the PA CARES grant, which funded the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. As Youngsville High School received this grant last year, it is eligible for the award. The staff at the school will have access to a Certified Olweus Trainer during the 2012-13 school year. An application must be submitted.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with Youngsville High School to submit an application to the PA CARES 2012-13 Technical Assistance Award for ten (10) hours of technical assistance with the YHS Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

3.9 Dual Enrollment Agreement with Pitt at Bradford

Discussion: The administration recently met with representatives from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (UPB). They discussed the possible implementation of a program referred to as College in the High School, whereby a high school teacher who possesses a Master's Degree can align coursework to a syllabus provided by the university, and students who complete the high school course would be eligible to enroll in UPB as a non-matriculated student and take the UPB final exam for that course. Successful students would then be awarded college credit at a cost of \$125 per three-credit course. Students could earn up to 12 college credits in this manner. The college coursework is embedded into the district's planned instructions, and since the course lasts for the entire school year rather than the semester course that is offered at the university, there would be time to include any areas of instruction in the district's planned instruction that was not included in the syllabus for the college course. The administration would like to request that a pilot program for this dual enrollment opportunity be offered at the Sheffield Area Middle/High School during the 2012-13 school year. The proposal for this one-year pilot program is reflected in the agreement that was presented.

Policy 9742, regarding class rank and honors credit, will need to be reviewed.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the proposal for a pilot program of College in the High School Dual Enrollment between UPB and Sheffield Area Middle/High School.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Monthly Grant Report

Grant reports for the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 school years were presented, indicating the grant applications that have been or will be submitted and their status.

5. Other

5.1 An agreement between the National Education Foundation and the Warren County School District is being developed regarding the district's obtaining ownership of NovaNET and Successmaker licenses and materials that have been purchased with QZAB funds. The

administration would like to include this item on the Board agenda under “Other” so that there can be discussion and a vote at that time.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – August 27, 2012 at the Warren County Career Center, following the Personnel/Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities Committee meeting.

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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