

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
**MINUTES**  
AUGUST 27, 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:

John Grant  
Mary Anne Paris  
Nancy McDanel  
Tom Knapp  
Arthur Stewart  
Brandon Hufnagel

James Grosch  
Brian Collopy  
Michael Kiehl  
Matt Jones  
James Miller  
Ruth Nelson

Rhonda Decker  
Melissa McLean  
Jacob Perryman (WTO)  
Josh Cotton (WTO)  
Members of the public

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 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 Mathematics Planned Instruction Revision

**Discussion:** The planned instruction for Grade 5 Math was revised to reflect the Pennsylvania Common Core Standards. The revised planned instruction was presented.

The subject of PSSAs was brought up, and a Board member stated that he had heard that the eleventh grade students would not be taking the PSSA but would be taking the Keystone Exams instead. The administration concurred, mentioning that not just grade 11 students would be taking the Keystone Exams, that testing would occur in Algebra I, Biology, and Literature at different grade levels.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instruction as presented.

### 3.2 GRANT: School Based Behavioral Health

**Discussion:** This grant is intended to be used to develop or enhance positive behavior supports in the schools, focusing on prevention, strategic intervention, intensive service delivery, and/or crisis management. If awarded, the funds will be used to support a three-tiered decision-making framework at Youngsville Elementary/Middle School that will assist with the implementation of best practices for improving student behavior, focusing less on a punitive approach to discipline and more on the reinforcement of positive behavior.

**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 submit an application for up to \$14,000 to the Pennsylvania Department of Education School-Based Behavioral Health Grant, with the intent of developing and implementing school-wide behavioral support at Youngsville Elementary Middle School

### 3.3 GRANT: Ultimate Collision Education Makeover Grant

**Discussion:** This grant is being offered by the Collision Repair Education Foundation to improve equipment and teaching materials for collision repair programs. It requires no matching funds.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to submit an application.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to apply for the \$50,000 Ultimate Collision Repair Grant for equipment and teaching materials to enhance the existing WCCC Collision Repair program.

### 3.4 Lifestyle Conditioning Planned Instruction Revision

**Discussion:** The Physical Education Department has reviewed the planned instruction, and they feel that awarding a half credit for the course rather than the present one-quarter credit is more appropriate as the class meets every day for one semester. Many

students take this course to replace the Physical Education required credit. The revised planned instruction was provided.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instruction as presented.

### 3.5 License Agreement – School-Based Behavioral Health

**Discussion:** This program has been operational within the school district since 2010, covering students in both Beaty-Warren Middle School and Warren Area Elementary Center, and has proven to be very successful in providing a mental health services team to students, not only during the school day but also at home (with both students and parents). Because of this success, the Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH) Organization and Beacon Light would like to expand the program to the Youngsville Elementary/Middle School. The District will provide space for the program; there would be no other material or monetary obligation. The amended agreement was provided for consideration. A Board member asked if there were any recorded student behavioral outcomes that would measure the success of the program, both socially and academically. An administrator responded, saying that clinical data is being collected and given to CCBH, and a report that depicts outcomes can be provided. A member of the audience, whose spouse works for Beacon Light, spoke of the advantages of providing this program: students are given help to get through classes that they don't like, attendance issues show improvement, there are fewer discipline problems that need to be addressed by the principals, and the program operates year-round so that there is constant contact to get kids involved socially.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the amended School-Based Behavioral Health License Agreement as presented.

### 3.6 Student Assistance Letter of Agreement

**Discussion:** The state mandates that referral services be established in all middle and secondary schools for students that would benefit from counseling for drugs and alcohol. A Letter of Agreement with Beacon Light Children's Services that reflects such a program was provided. The District has had an agreement with this agency for these services for many years. The services will be provided by the Human Services Agency in Warren County. The only financial commitment to the district will be to provide release time for teachers to be on the Student Assistance Program (SAP) team that will identify and refer students to the program.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Letter of Agreement for services through Beacon Light Children's Services.

### 3.7 Learning A-Z Teacher Materials

**Discussion:** The administration would like to purchase six components of this web-based program. A brief presentation was shown that explained the benefits of this program. The materials furnished to elementary teachers through this program can be customized to individual students, helping the teachers to develop individualized learning plans for each student. The program would be available to all teachers for grades K through 6 and to the special education teachers who work with these grade levels. Some of those present have had experience with this program and have found that it is very worthwhile. In one of the components, teachers can download books in the leveled reading library that would be appropriate for an individual student, and that student can read it on the computer from home, or, in the event the student does not have web access at home, the books can be printed and sent home. This program would replace the antiquated Accelerated Reader program the PTOs have been providing. This would allow the PTOs to reallocate their funds for other meaningful projects. The Finance Committee will be forwarding a motion to the Board for transfer of funds to support this program.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of classroom licenses for Learning A-Z for \$19,995, to be supported by the Board Goals account.

## 4. Informational Items

### 4.1 Monthly Grant Report

A report was provided that depicted the grants for which the district has applied and their status.

## 5. Other

### 5.1 Possible Apprenticeship Program

A committee member suggested that the district explore the possibility of an apprenticeship program in mold making, cross training students in the machine shop and the pre-engineering classes. An administrator stated that some cross-training already exists within many of the Career Center courses. The committee member will send an email to the administrators with his thoughts and ideas.

## 5.2 Title I Services to St. Joseph's School

**Discussion:** It is no longer financially feasible for the Intermediate Unit #5 to provide Title I Services to St. Joseph's School as was originally planned and approved. The administration is working on a contract with the solicitor to provide these services. (The District is under legal obligation to provide these services to a private school if the institution asks for them.) A Board member asked if the District must supply the services or if the District can simply send them a check and have them obtain their own staff. The administration will look into this possibility. The District can keep six percent of the funds that would be allocated to the program. The superintendent suggested that this be done if possible.

The superintendent also noted that Title IA funds are to be cut on October 1, 2012 unless legislators act on the President's budget cuts, and that the District will either have to supply the funds to support the Title IA programs or the programs will need to be cancelled.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board under "Other". A contract will be available for approval at that time.

## 6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – September 24, 2012 at the Warren County Career Center, following the Personnel/Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities Committee meeting.

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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