

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

DECEMBER 17, 2012  
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Gary Weber  
Mrs. Amy Stewart

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Diane Martin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Ann Paris  
Tom Knapp  
John Grant  
Arthur Stewart  
Donna Zariczny  
Nancy McDanel

Brandon Hufnagel  
Jim Grosch  
Patty Hawley-Horner  
Sue Turner  
Jim Miller  
Matt Jones

Brian Collopy  
Mike Kiehl  
Erik Leamon  
Misty Weber  
Josh Cotton – WTO  
Melissa McLean

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Old Business

2.1 Kindergarten Math Planned Instruction

**Discussion:** This item was previously presented to the Board, but a change in sequence was needed, so it was sent back to committee. The sequence was corrected.

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

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

## 2.2 AP and Advanced Biology Honors Planned Instructions

**Discussion:** This item was presented to the Board previously, but it was sent back to committee to make changes regarding weighted value for the courses. The necessary changes have been made.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instructions for AP Biology and Advanced Biology Honors as presented.

## 3. New Business

### 3.1 WCSD Comprehensive Planning Committee

**Discussion:** The District was given a 90 day extension to complete the Comprehensive Planning, which is similar to the Strategic Planning process. The plan has been prepared and will be discussed with a committee which will meet before the January Board meeting. The administration is sending requests for participation on the committee, and these participants will need Board approval.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the membership of the 2012 Warren County School District Comprehensive Planning Team.

### 3.2 WCSD Comprehensive Plan Approval

**Discussion:** The Comprehensive Plan that was mentioned in item 3.1 will need Board approval.

**Action:** The Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the Board for approval.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the 2012 Comprehensive Plan for the Warren County School District and authorizes the administration to advertise the Comprehensive Plan to the public for a 28 day review period.

### 3.3 WCSD Comprehensive Plan Advertisement

**Discussion:** It is required that the Comprehensive Plan be advertised for a 28 day public review period prior to the final approval and submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**Action:** A request to advertise will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Administration to advertise the Warren County School District Comprehensive Plan for 28 days, beginning January 15, 2013.

### 3.4 Laptop Purchase for EMHS

**Discussion:** It will be necessary to provide mobile laptop computers to the Eisenhower Middle/High School students once construction starts. The purchase of these laptops and carts that would provide charging stations, extra batteries, power adapters, and wireless access points were included in the original construction budget. Three quotes were received, with GovConnection being the lowest quote. The funding for the laptops and carts will come from QZAB funds.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from GovConnection for \$97,534.65 to purchase 95 laptops, laptops carts, and associated accessories to be used at EMHS to accommodate renovation specifications.

### 3.5 Graduation Policy 9732/9733 Policy Rescinded

**Discussion:** Both of these policies were recently approved by the Board with changes regarding the Keystone requirements for students to graduate. The state has changed their requirements, so the administration is asking to rescind these policies.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors rescinds the amendments to Policy 9732 and Policy 9733 that were approved by the Board on second reading at its meeting held on October 8, 2012, and directs the administration to implement the versions of Policy 9732 and Policy 9733 that were in effect prior to said amendments until such time as revised amendments to the policies are approved by the Board.

### 3.6 STEM+ Academies

**Discussion:** The district has been working in conjunction with the National Education Foundation to offer Parent Academies to community members, parents, students, and employees to take part in online courses. Stations will be set up at the STEM+ schools on scheduled dates and times to allow people to sign up and learn how to access the courses. There is a vast array of courses, and the district has 1,000 licenses. Community members that do not have a child of school age would be charged a \$25 service fee. The courses would be free to parents, students, and employees.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors grants permission to collaborate with STEM+ Academies.

#### 4. Informational Items

##### 4.1 Middle School Report

This report that was requested by the Board will be presented at the January CIT meeting.

##### 4.2 Review of Weighted Courses

The administration will be reviewing all weighted courses during this school year. All planned instructions with enhanced weight will be revised to reflect Board policy. All revisions should be presented at a single CIT meeting rather than being staggered.

##### 4.3 Change to Future Planned Instructions

The administration would like to change the format for future planned instructions by referring to a curriculum map that reflects the scope and sequence for each course (which tends to change every year) but is not included in the planned instruction. This would allow for ongoing revisions of the scope and sequence without requiring Board approval for every change.

##### 4.4 Algebra I CP Planned Instruction Revision

This planned instruction will be coming back to the CIT committee in January with revisions that will include changes in the sequence.

##### 4.5 Algebra IA and Algebra IB Planned Instructions Revision

These planned instructions will be coming back to the CIT committee in January with revisions.

##### 4.6 Eisenhower Middle/High School Phases of Construction

The principal of Eisenhower Middle/High School informed those present of the changes that are or will soon be taking place at the school to accommodate students and staff during the construction project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM for an executive session and reconvened at 8:30 PM.

##### 4.7 Alternative Education Program Changes

The current program does not meet state regulations to allow students to return to their home school after a successful 45 day review. Policy 10520 – Alternative Education

should be revised to indicate the changes in state guidelines. An example of possible changes to the policy was presented. A referral form was also provided for informational purposes.

4.8 Grant Update

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

5. Other

There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – January 28, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Board room at Warren County Career Center

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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