

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
**MINUTES**  
MARCH 25, 2013  
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Paul Yourchisin, Chairperson  
Mr. Michael Zamborik  
Mr. Thomas Knapp for Mr. Jack Werner

Mr. Gary Weber  
Mrs. Patricia Hawley-Horner  
Mrs. Amy Stewart

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jack Werner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Stewart  
John Grant  
Mary Anne Paris  
Donna Zariczny  
Norbert Kennerknecht  
Jim Grosch

Michael Kiehl  
Suzanne Turner  
Jim Miller  
Matt Jones  
Roger Tubbs  
Misty Weber

Marcia Madigan  
Claudia Solinko  
Ruth Huck  
Melissa McLean  
Josh Cotton – WTO  
Other members of the public

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Old Business

2.1 Educational Services for Expelled Students

**Discussion:** A summary of educational services for expelled students was presented as a follow-up to the December 2012 CIT meeting. How students become expelled and programs available to these students were discussed. Three available options were mentioned: the district's cyber program, home schooling, and education done outside of the school district.

**Action:** There was no action at this time.

### 3. New Business

#### 3.1 GRANT: American Honda Foundation STEM Grant

**Discussion:** This foundation supports educational projects in many areas, including Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and an instructor at Eisenhower Middle/High School is interested in developing an application that would help to expand technology activities in the Engineering, Design, and Manufacturing curriculum. The administration is still communicating with the instructor, and is considering the possibility of extending this to all high schools. The award could be anywhere from \$20,000 to \$75,000.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to assist in the exploration and development of an application to the American Honda Foundation with the intent of providing additional STEM opportunities within existing technology education curricula.

#### 3.2 GRANT: Community Foundation of Warren County Request for Replacement Aquarium Chiller

**Discussion:** An aquarium at the LEC, which was purchased a number of years ago through a grant from the Trout in the Classroom program, is in need of a new chiller. The instructor would like to request funds that have been set aside for the LEC by the Community Foundation of Warren County to purchase the needed part.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to assist the LEC in writing a grant application to the Community Foundation of Warren County for the funds necessary to replace an aquarium chiller.

#### 3.3 GRANT: Crayola “Champion Creatively Alive Children” Grant

**Discussion:** Three teachers at Sugar Grove Elementary School are interested in applying for this grant. The art instructor would like to utilize grant funds to work with the Sugar Grove community, encouraging parents and community members to work with students on a regular basis to develop creative and critical thinking. This project could also be integrated with math, reading and science. If awarded, the school would receive \$2,500 in cash and \$1,000 in Crayola products.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to assist in the submission of a grant application to the Crayola Champion Creatively Alive Children competition to foster creative and innovative team building in the Sugar Grove Elementary School.

3.4 GRANT: Walmart Foundation Grant to Support YHS Business Week

**Discussion:** The Youngsville High School, in conjunction with the Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System (ACES), holds an annual session of the PA Business Week. ACES and the district solicit funds that are needed for the program. ACES has asked that the district solicit grant funds from the Walmart Foundation for this year's program; ACES had asked for the funds in previous years, but the Foundation has asked that the request for funds come directly from the school district.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit an application to the Walmart Local Giving program for up to \$2,500 to support YHS Business Week activities.

3.5 GRANT: School to Work Grant for Warren Area Elementary Center

**Discussion:** A guidance counselor at the Warren Area Elementary Center has developed a character education program for the next school year that includes a career exploration component which will introduce students to a variety of careers and will incorporate activity sheets, discussions, and various activities. This program qualifies for a School to Work grant, and the administration would like to assist in the submission of a grant application for support.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to assist in the submission of a School to Work grant to support career exploration activities at Warren Area Elementary Center.

3.6 GRANT: National Archery in Schools at Sheffield Elementary

**Discussion:** The National Archery in Schools program is already in place at Sheffield Area Middle/High School (SAMHS), and parents have requested that the program be offered at Sheffield Elementary School (SES) also. The Pennsylvania Game Commission has said that grant funding is available that would cover about half the cost of starting the program at SES. Additional funding opportunities may be available to cover the remaining costs. The District would need to assign an instructor, probably the same one that is now serving the program at SAMHS.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to assist Sheffield Elementary School in pursuing grants funds to establish a National Archery in Schools Program.

3.7 AEDY Relocation

**Discussion:** The administration is proposing that the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) program be relocated from Warren Area High School to the Warren County Career Center (WCCC). The advantages and disadvantages for this move and a floor plan that indicated the location of the classrooms at WCCC were presented. The displaced Business

classrooms would be moved to Warren Area High School with the exception of the Accounting class, which would be moved to the WCCC Marketing classroom. An instructor at the WCCC voiced opposition to this move and stated that she would prepare an argument. A Board member noted that a Board decision is not likely to be needed to move classrooms; the Board needs only to approve the programs, and the administration should decide where it would be most effectively administered.

AEDY is not generally a disciplinary program but rather serves to rehabilitate and transition a student back into the regular classroom environment through behavior modification, education, and counseling.

It was stressed that students that have been expelled for Act 26 violations, such as drugs, alcohol, weapons, and causing physical harm, must not be in the same classrooms as AEDY students.

**Action:** Many questions were raised regarding both the relocation and the operations of the AEDY program, and enrollment numbers in both AEDY and Business classes. It was decided that this item should be brought back to the next committee meeting with more information and for further discussion.

### 3.8 Planned Instruction Changes

**Discussion:** A listing of minor changes to a number of planned instructions was presented that would update them to reflect appropriate grade level configuration and uniformity in language and credit. Three of the suggested changes were pulled from the list and will be brought back individually at a later time.

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

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

### 3.9 Sugar Grove Elementary/Russell Elementary School Grade Configuration

**Discussion:** Due to the renovations being made at Eisenhower Middle/High School, a draft of a resolution, similar to the resolution regarding Beaty-Warren Middle School and Warren Area Elementary Center for grade 6, was presented to the Board that would allow the North Attendance Area grade 6 students to remain at Sugar Grove Elementary School and Russell Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors, due to the renovation project at Eisenhower Middle/High School, approves the Resolution, reassigning 6<sup>th</sup> grade Northern Attendance Area students to Russell Elementary School and Sugar Grove Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year, as presented.

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. Notes were added to show how the funds are being or will be used.

4.2 Keystone Exam Update

The scores for the December Keystones have been received and have been loaded into the student performance system. Teachers can now look at individual student results to identify weaknesses and start building interventions. The students have good scores in comparison to the entire state, but there have been a number of students that are not yet proficient. Remediation is being offered during homeroom period for students that did not score at the proficient level. These students can retake the exam in May.

4.3 Teacher Effectiveness Update

This will be discussed at the next CIT meeting.

4.4 Warren Area Elementary Center Plan Update

This will be discussed at the next CIT meeting.

5. Other

There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – April 29, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at the Warren County Career Center

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary

Dr. Paul Yourchisin, Chairperson

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