

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

APRIL 29, 2013

WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Stewart
Mary Anne Paris
John Grant
Thomas Knapp
Donna Zariczny
Norbert Kennerknecht
James Grosch
Michael Kiehl

Brian Collopy
Matthew Jones
Philip Knapp
Jim Miller
John Bonavita
Claudia Solinko
Chris Jankowski (Aramark)
Ruth Huck

Melissa McLean
Josh Cotton (WTO)
Darlene Albaugh
Beth Hornick
Devin Sharp
Chris Meyers
Nicole Peterson
Marcy Morgan
Approximately 13 others

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:22 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

John Bonavita, Guidance Counselor at the Warren County Career Center (WCCC), spoke in opposition to the moving of the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) program to the WCCC facility beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

Claudia Solinko, Business/Computer Curriculum Coordinator and Marketing instructor at the WCCC, spoke in opposition to the moving of the AEDY program to the WCCC facility beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

Devin Sharp, a Business student at WCCC, spoke in opposition to the moving of the AEDY program to the WCCC facility beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

Beth Hornick, a Business instructor at WCCC, spoke in opposition to the moving of the AEDY program to the WCCC facility beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

Darlene Albaugh, retired Business instructor at WCCC, spoke in opposition to the moving of the AEDY program to the WCCC facility beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

Chris Meyers, the parent of a Youngsville Elementary/Middle School (YEMS) student, voiced questions and concerns regarding moving Special Education programs to YEMS.

Nicole Peterson voiced concerns regarding moving Special Education programs to YEMS and moving the AEDY program to WCCC.

2. Old Business

There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 Project PAS (Promoting Academic Success)

Discussion: This project, in conjunction with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and Jamestown Community College (JCC), would assist students with disabilities in their transitioning from high school into a post-secondary educational facility. This is a one-credit college course being offered by JCC. OVR would supply books, tuition, and assistive software. JCC would provide an instructor and a classroom. Students could use the transportation that is provided for the Warren County Career Center students. A bus could then transport them to the JCC Warren Center and back to the Career Center to catch the ride back to their home school. The cost for providing the transportation would be \$700.00 for the year. The program would be funded with IDEA monies from within the district's budget. An agreement was presented for consideration.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement with Jamestown Community College and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

3.2 Barber National Institute Agreement

Discussion: The administration proposes a continuation of the agreement with the Barber National Institute that provides consulting services for the Autistic Support and Emotional Support students, parents, and programs. The agreement would extend the number of hours per week for services for the next school year; need has grown

substantially throughout the year. Costs would be covered with IDEA and ACCESS funds within the district's budget. The agreement was provided for consideration.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement between Warren County School District and the Barber National Institute for the 2013-2014 school year.

3.3 Barber National Institute – Extended School Year

Discussion: The administration proposes that the Barber National Institute provide consultation services for up to three hours per week for students in the Extended School Year program. This agreement is renewed on an annual basis. An agreement was provided for consideration.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement between the Warren County School District and the Barber National Institute for July 8, 2013 through July 26, 2013.

3.4 FrontRow - JUNO

Discussion: FrontRow – JUNO is a voice amplification system that can replace the RedCat that is now being used (with expiring warranties). The JUNO can capture an entire lesson on a video, containing both voice and information taken from the Smartboard, that could be posted for student and parent viewing outside of the classroom. This system would be placed in specific classrooms at the Warren Area Elementary Center and the Youngsville Elementary/Middle School. The individual units will be used to support identified students with IEP's and will also improve sound quality for all students in the classrooms where they are used. A Board member suggested that the administration talk to the teachers' union to develop parameters for how the units would be used. A quote was provided. Funding would come from IDEA, ACCESS, and Early Intervention Flow Thru accounts within the district's budget.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of 120 JUNO amplification systems at a total cost of \$114,000.

3.5 Policy 10520 – Alternative Education

Discussion: Proposed revisions to this policy were presented. The revisions will ensure that correct procedures are followed for student placement in the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth program and that the program is supported and

monitored. A Board member had questions about the revisions. The administration will address the questions prior to the next Board meeting.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the revisions to “Policy 10520 – Alternative Education” on first reading as presented.

3.6 Policy 10102 – Assignment of Students to School

Discussion: Proposed revisions to this policy, as well as a revised “Request for Attendance Area Transfer” form as an informational item, were presented. The policy revisions were based on data that was collected from 2007 through 2013. A Board member suggested changes in some of the verbiage. Changes will be made by the administration prior to the next Board meeting.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the revisions to “Policy 10102 – Assignment of Students to School” on first reading as presented.

3.7 GRANT: Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) Transportation Grants

Discussion: The Tom Ridge Environmental Center offers mini-grants of up to \$500.00 to assist with the cost of transportation for field trips to their center. The administration is asking for authorization to work with teachers to apply for the mini-grants.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with interested teachers to submit Tom Ridge Environmental Center grants for qualified field trip proposals.

3.8 GRANT: Knox Harper Grants

Discussion: These grants are offered by the Northern Allegheny Conservation Association to instructors that teach courses that deal with the environment. In the past, these grants have funded field trips relating to trout release, birding, conservation projects, and a Green Day trip to a farm. The administration is asking for authorization to work with teachers to apply for the grants.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with interested WCSD teachers to submit applications to the S. Knox Harper grant program.

3.9 GRANT: SkillsUSA Recognition Award for WCCC

Discussion: The Community Foundation of Warren County is offering a grant of \$5,000.00 to the Warren County Career Center to purchase equipment and/or supplies as an award in recognition of the excellent performance at the SkillsUSA competition. The administration is asking for authorization to apply for the grant.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit a grant application in the amount for \$5,000 to the Community Foundation of Warren County for equipment and/or other items that will benefit the students at the Warren County Career Center.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Monthly Grant Report

A report was provided that depicted the grants for which the district has applied, their status, and how the funds are being used.

5. Other

There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – May 28, 2013 at the Warren County Career Center, following the Personnel/Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities Committee meeting

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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