

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

May 27, 2014

WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chairperson  
Mr. Michael Zamborik  
Mr. Paul Mangione

Mr. Gary Weber  
Mrs. Ruth Nelson  
Mrs. Amy Stewart

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Donna Zariczny  
Mary Anne Paris  
Marcy Morgan  
Thomas Knapp  
Patricia Rosenstein  
Dr. William Clark  
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht

James Grosch  
Brian Collopy  
Michael Kiehl  
Matthew Jones  
Ann Ryan  
Kelly Martin  
Marcia Madigan

Misty Weber  
Louise Tharp  
Andrew Pollard  
Ruth Huck  
Josh Cotton, WTO  
Approximately 25 others

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Mr. John Werner.

1.2 Public Comment

Misty Moore requested information regarding which employee groups, and how many from each group, were facing staffing cuts due to school consolidation. The superintendent responded, saying that cost savings have already occurred by not replacing some staff that has left district employment, and teaching, custodial, secretarial, and administration positions are still being evaluated to see if further cuts can be made as a result of consolidation. He added that staffing is being added to the West Attendance Area.

Ms. Moore also asked if the decision to move Special Education students to the Youngsville schools was driven by budget or to enhance the educational opportunities for the students, and why Youngsville was chosen over other schools in the district. In response, it was stated that while some schools were having renovations done, Youngsville had room available; that the move saved district funds; and the move

made it possible to intensify the services to those students. When the move was first considered, the foremost reason was that a program that would be more beneficial to the students could be created. A report will be presented at the June meeting that will show how successful the program has proven to be. Early indications are that the program has had a positive effect, but improvements can be made. A Board member noted that Special Education support is available throughout the district, that only the intensive support program has been moved to Youngsville.

## 2. Old Business

There was no old business.

## 3. New Business

### 3.1 Penn College NOW Memorandum of Understanding

**Discussion:** This Memorandum of Understanding is between Penn College and the Warren County School District in regards to the Penn College NOW dual enrollment program offered at the Warren County Career Center (WCCC), allowing students to acquire Penn College credits through their courses at WCCC. The district is already involved in the program, and Penn College is presenting an ongoing agreement. There is no cost to the district.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Memorandum of Understanding between Penn College and the Warren County School District as presented.

### 3.2 Templeton Advantage – Professional Development

**Discussion:** Information regarding the services offered by Templeton Advantage was distributed. If the use of these services is approved, professional development, that will be specific to the district's needs, will be provided to administrators.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves a contract with Templeton Advantage for professional development per the attached documents.

### 3.3 Highly Gifted Pilot Proposal

**Discussion:** A proposal for a pilot program for students in grades three through five was presented. This program would be available to students that qualify as Highly Gifted with an IQ above 130 and are academically advanced but are not socially ready to be put into a classroom with older students. There are approximately 12 to 14

students that fit this category. Teachers would use the current curriculum but move through it more quickly than would be done in a regular classroom. The students would be in the pilot classes for five days per week with students at their academic level and close to their own age. There would be no additional costs to the district. Input and approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education is being sought.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves of a pilot program for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 who are identified as Highly Gifted, pending approval by the PA Dept. of Education.

#### 3.4 Barber Center Contract ESY 2014

**Discussion:** A contract, similar to last year's contract, was presented for the Barber National Institute to provide up to three hours per week of services by a behavior specialist to students in the Extended School Year Program.

**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 14, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

#### 3.5 GRANT: NITT (Now Is the Time) – Project AWARE

**Discussion:** Funds from this federal grant would be used to provide mental health first aid training to school personnel and others who interact with students. The amount of the award could be up to \$50,000 per year for two years.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to apply for the grant.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop an application to the NITT-Project AWARE Grant, administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to offer training in the detection of and response to mental illness in children and youth to agencies and individuals in Warren County, Pennsylvania.

#### 3.6 GRANT: School Climate Transformation Grant

**Discussion:** This federal grant provides funds to districts that are developing or enhancing behavioral programs. The district will qualify with the implementation of the School-Wide Positive Behavior Support program that was approved at the Board meeting of April 14, 2014. If awarded, the grant would complement the NITT – Project AWARE Grant. It is possible that funds of up to \$750,000 per year would be available for a period of up to five years.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to apply for the grant.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop an application to the U.S. Department of Education, School Climate Transformation Grant, with the intent of establishing a School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Program in the Warren County School District.

### 3.7 GRANT: WIA-TANF Grant (JETS)

**Discussion:** This grant is being offered by the Workforce Investment Act/ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Sheffield Area Middle/High School would like to apply for this grant, as it has in the past, to help provide funds for their JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) team projects and competitions.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to apply for the grant.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Venango Training and Development Center for a 2014-2015 TANF Youth Program Grant in the amount of \$1,500 to support the JETS team at Sheffield Area Middle/High School.

### 3.8 GRANT: Beef and Veal in the Classroom

**Discussion:** The Pennsylvania Beef Council is again offering a grant of up to \$100 to support related curriculum in the junior and senior high school Family and Consumer Science classes. Funds were awarded for the present school year, and teachers have requested that the district apply for this grant for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to apply for the grant.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Beef Council for each Warren County School District building with a Family and Consumer Science instructor interested in receiving beef and/or veal products for use in instruction.

### 3.9 Policy Number 10510, titled “Discipline Code”

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** This item was pulled for further review.

**Motion:** None at this time.

#### 4. Informational Items

##### 4.1 Prom Dress Code

The Board had instructed the administration to work with principals to determine whether a dress code was needed for proms. The principals reported that the student attire at the proms this year has been on the conservative side.

##### 4.2 Cyber Presentation

One of the presenters had to depart for another meeting, so this presentation was made at the Personnel/Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities Committee meeting instead.

#### 5. Other

5.1 Summer School – It was reported that there will be a modified summer school program, utilizing online learning for enrichment and credit recovery, which would include Health, Social Studies, English, Math, and Science courses. A three-week Physical Education class would also be offered. A Memorandum of Understanding between WCEA and the District will be made available prior to the Board meeting.

5.2 A committee member asked whether information that he provides to the Guidance Office at the Warren County Career Center is shared with other guidance counselors. The response was that the information is being shared.

#### 6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – June 30, 2014 at the Warren County Career Center, following the Personnel/Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities Committee meeting.

##### 6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary  
Mr. John Werner, Chairperson  
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee