

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

**JUNE 30, 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:**

Mr. Arthur Stewart  
Mr. Tom Knapp  
Mr. Jack Werner  
Ms. Marcy Morgan  
Mr. Mike Zamborik  
Mr. Paul Mangione  
Ms. Donna Zariczny  
Dr. Bill Clark

Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht  
Mr. Jim Grosch  
Ms. Sue Turner  
Mr. Mike Kiehl  
Mr. Brian Collopy  
Mr. Matt Jones  
Ms. Misty Weber  
Ms. Rhonda Decker

Ms. Mary Ann Mead  
Ms. Leslie Collopy  
Mr. Eric Mineweaser  
Ms. Ruth Huck  
Ms. Melissa McLean  
Mr. Josh Cotton (Times Observer)  
Approximately 12 others

**1. Opening Activities**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 PM by Mr. Jack Werner.

**1.2 Public Comment**

Kim Angove addressed the Board promoting the Gifted Pilot Program. She expressed her hope that the Board would look at what the experts have said regarding a specific need that is not being met and support the innovative program to address that need, benefiting students and the District as a whole.

Laura Patterson addressed the Board promoting the Gifted Pilot Program. She is a recent college graduate who was previously a gifted student at LEC. She polled friends on Facebook who supported the gifted program and what they learned at the LEC. Courses that challenged her were the ones that she received the best grades in.

Kathy Patterson addressed the Board promoting the Gifted Pilot Program. She shared issues that parents of gifted students face. In the elementary years her daughter spent a lot of time helping other students. She sent her daughter to other schools because of a lack of opportunities that were available.

Laura Demers addressed the Board promoting the Gifted Pilot Program. She is a parent of a student and also a District employee. She supports the Board and encourages them to make a decision based on the research that Andrew Pollard made. Parents are asking for a program designed around the individual needs of students, which is what every student in the District deserves, and hopes that there is a Plan B for the beginning of the school year if the original proposed program is not accepted.

David Demers addressed the Board promoting the Gifted Pilot Program. He is a parent of a student and encourages the Board to support the Gifted Pilot Program. He also addressed the need for a Plan B if the original recommendation is not accepted.

Joann Miller is a parent of a student at LEC and is representing a group of parents that went outside the District to look at other opportunities for schooling, with the understanding that the law allows them to utilize the LEC, which has been a wonderful experience. She hopes the Pilot Program will be accepted and continue to grow as many gifted students would benefit from additional enrichment of more than just one day per week.

## 2. Old Business

There was no old business.

## 3. New Business

### 3.1 Planned Instruction for Pre-Algebra 8

**Discussion:** The planned instruction for this course has been revised by District Grade 8 math teachers to comply with the PA Core Standards. It is to be implemented, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the Special Board Meeting (June 30).

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the revisions to the Pre-Algebra 8 planned instructions as presented.

### 3.2 2014-15 Math Grades 3-5 Purchase Requests

**Discussion:** Quotes for consumable math materials for grades three through five were presented. The quotes are for sets that will cover five years of supplies.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the Special Board Meeting (June 30).

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of McGraw Hill School Education Math materials for grade 3 in the amount of \$27,354 and grades 4-5 in the amount of \$53,542.05.

### 3.3 Barber National Institute Contract

**Discussion:** The Barber National Institute provides services to identified students, and they also provide support services to District professional staff. A contract for the provision of these services was presented.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the Special Board Meeting (June 30).

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the contract with the Barber National Institute for school year 2014-2015.

### 3.4 IU5 Contract

**Discussion:** Intermediate Unit 5 provides various programs and services for special education students that are funded through IDEA. A contract was presented.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the Special Board Meeting (June 30).

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the contract with IU5 for the 2014-2015 school year.

### 3.5 Carl D. Perkins Secondary Local Plan 2014-15

**Discussion:** The Perkins Grant provides funds to assist in the development of academic, career, and technical skills of students, preparing them for high-skill/high-paying jobs. The funds for the 2014-2015 school year have been cut by 17% from last year's grant. The administration would like to apply for the grant to benefit the Warren County Career Center.

**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 a Perkins Local Plan Grant application to support academic, career, and technical programming at the Warren County Career Center in the 2014-15 school year.

### 3.6 Highly Gifted Pilot Proposal

**Discussion:** The discussion provided answers to specific concerns that had been raised by both the Board and community. Routine health screenings will be able to be covered utilizing the nurse from Eisenhower and MAA staff. The students will exceed the required 900 hours of instruction per year. The Pilot is for grades 3-5, and by labeling it as a Pilot, the District will not have to keep it. If IEPs are written and Pilot is written in we are not locked into having to provide it in the future. It was noted that the elementary teacher can teach gym and the LEC has many music opportunities. The social aspect of a home school was discussed. The students will interact with other LEC students and not be isolated. Concerns were expressed about setting the level of the highly gifted at 144 and above (American Psychiatric Association label) and excluding other gifted students. Mr. Pollard, the original proposal creator, addressed the group to explain that Chapter 16 encourages districts to group like students together. This Pilot would be grouping the highly gifted students together (learning needs of these students are very different). The cost of \$1,000 per child is a concern.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the Special Board Meeting (June 30).

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the proposal for a pilot program during school year 2014-2015 for students in grades 3-5 who qualify as highly gifted.

### 3.7 Renewal of Teachscape License

**Discussion:** Teachscape is a program that is used for teacher observations. The licensing needs to be renewed annually.

**Action:** This will be forwarded to the Board for approval at the Special Board Meeting (June 30).

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the renewal of the Teachscape licensing for the 2014-2015 school year at the cost of \$13,040 as indicated in the attached quote.

## 4. Informational Items

- 4.1. RTII Summary Presentation (Leslie Collopy, Presenter) - Administration provided an update on the RTII Program taking place in the District.
- 4.2. School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Presentation [Eric Mineweaser, Mary Ann Mead and Youngsville Area Teachers (YEMS & YHS), Presenters] - Administration provided an update on the School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Program. The Board of Directors requested an update on all programs approved by the Board.

5. Other

- 5.1 WCCC Report – Mr. Zamborik reported that WCCC has no current needs, per Dr. Jaskolka. Mr. Zamborik relayed information regarding a company advertising for a toolmaker and asked that it be passed to Guidance and the staff at WCCC.
- 5.2 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant - Mr. Stewart asked for the status of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. Administration is currently waiting for PDE to release the grant for the next three year cycle and anticipates this to occur in mid-July.

6. Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting – July 28, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the large conference room of the Warren County Career Center
- 6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. John Werner, Chairperson  
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee