

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

**JULY 28, 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  
Ms. Marcy Morgan  
Ms. Donna Zariczny  
Ms. Mary Anne Paris

Dr. Bill Clark  
Ms. Misty Weber  
Ms. Sue Turner  
Mr. Mike Kiehl  
Mr. Roger Tubbs

Ms. Ruth Huck  
Ms. Melissa McLean  
Mr. Josh Cotton (Times Observer)  
Approximately 5 others

**1. Opening Activities**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM by Mr. Jack Werner.

**1.2 Public Comment**

Chris Myers:

- Asked whether the Special Education Supervisor for AS/ES Program would be split between YEMS & YHS. Response was that it would be full time dedicated at YEMS. There will be additional time at YHS by a different supervisor.
- Concern was expressed that a newly hired aide was furloughed and a position lost. The bumping process, which is contractual with the bargaining unit, was explained. The position has been added, but individuals in the positions may be different.
- Handle With Care Education – Questioned whether there would be training offered again. It will be offered before school begins.
- Barber Center – Behavior Specialist will work directly with the teachers (40 hours a month) developing plans.

**2. Old Business**

There was no old business.

### 3. New Business

#### 3.1 Mental Health Aide Agreement

**Discussion:** This is something new that Beacon Light is developing. It will include two mental health aides for classrooms at YEMS. The agreement will be reviewed by our Solicitor before bringing it forward.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement with Beacon Light to provide Mental Health support of the newly created Emotional Support Classroom at YEMS.

#### 3.2 Bollinger Enterprises, Inc.

**Discussion:** The Solicitor will review the agreement. Dr. Clark noted that he toured the facility and saw ESY students participating. This unique opportunity for the students is a great partnership between school and business.

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

**Motion:** That the Board of Directors approves the agreement with Bollinger Enterprises for community based instruction and vocational evaluation services during the 2014 - 2015 school year.

#### 3.3 GRANT: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

**Discussion:** The administration is proposing a submission to continue and expand the current 21CCLC after-school program. The initial intent is to provide services to students in grades 2-5, providing the grant guidelines allow those grades. Services would be provided during the school year and summer session. The award date is expected to be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Motion:** That the administration collaborate with community partners to develop a project for submission to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, offering an after-school program for students in grades 2-5 in each of the WCSD attendance areas.

#### 3.4 Beacon Light Educational Services Agreement for 2014-15

**Discussion:** Our Solicitor has reviewed the agreement and made some suggestions. The hope is that with the transitional classroom we will not need the Custer City Program as much, but we do need to have an agreement in place.

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

**Motion:** That, pending the Solicitor's review, the Board of School Directors approves the Education Services Purchase of Service Agreement between the WCSD and the Children's Center for Treatment and Education d/b/a Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems for the 2014-15 school year.

#### 4. Informational Items

##### 4.1. AS and ES Programs – The Board of Directors had asked at the last meeting for an update on the programs.

- Ms. Annie Wilkins, a parent with a child in the program, was in attendance and spoke about the great strides her previously non-verbal son has made, noting that the District has been a part of this. She encourages the District to provide professional support with the paraprofessionals, as well as teachers and administrators. She is hopeful her son will be able to be mainstreamed in the future. She encourages the District and community to help the kids learn diversity and difference, suggesting recess and lunch times to help kids communicate with each other, possibly by allowing the Barber Center or another agency to help facilitate communication.
- A letter was read from a parent of a student in the program. The writer is a firm believer in the program and feels the only flaw is that there is not enough parent support.
- Another letter from a parent was read. The child transferred into YEMS. Appreciation for the added services YEMS provided was expressed in the letter. In addition, the staff at YEMS was recognized as hardworking and dedicated.
- Mrs. Ruth Nelson highlighted specific areas of an attachment that summarized the AS and ES Programs during the 13/14 SY. The attachment outlined the a) Goals of the restructuring of the AS and ES programs, b) Concerns, c) Problems that became evident, d) Adjustments that were made during the school year, and e) Additional improvements being planned or considered for 2014-2015.
- Mr. Arthur Stewart, Board President, noted that one of the Board Goals is to reduce the “revolving door” of staffing. He noted that some changes cannot be controlled due to the bargaining unit system, but we are striving for a way to address this. Mr. Stewart also complimented Mrs. Nelson and the team for addressing the issues honestly and directly, demonstrating the quality control model.
- Community Comment – An individual stated that everyone that has contact with the students in these programs need to be trained, including cafeteria and custodial staff. Teachers need trained and need to have the files before the students arrive, so they know how to help the child.

- 4.2 School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Presentation - The Board of Directors requested an update on all programs approved by the Board. The Youngsville staff is going to have a full day of professional development doing this; custodians and cafeteria workers are not included by contract, but they will be invited. Mrs. Nelson provided examples of records that can be generated from School Wide Positive Behavior Support. Core teams for both schools have been meeting and plans are to involve cafeteria, custodians, and paraprofessionals. It is the hope that it will be able to be extended to the whole District.
- 4.3 Gifted Support Pilot – The first meeting with eligible students is scheduled for the next night. The GIEPs will have to grow with the students this year. Study Island will be used to test children and classroom diagnostic test to specialize instruction for the children in reading and math. Mrs. Misty Weber noted that the students that qualified for this program score at 100% at the initial benchmarking test and then regress as the year progresses. We want to see student growth, not regression. CDTs will be able to be used as an excellent tool for the elementary teachers. There are 12 students that qualify in grades 3-5.

Dr. Clark noted that by bringing programs forth you're promoting educational quality. If the Board members would like to have a policy, protocol or procedure that needs looked at to let the administration know.

## 5. Other

- 5.1 Mr. Zamborik spoke about three separate communications that address jobs for trained workers. He referenced an article in *Modern Machine Shop* that states companies need highly trained workers. Article references Betts Industries in Warren. He also noted an article in the Warren Times Observer that addressed a meeting with the Lt. Governor and representatives of Whirley Industries that state there are an abundance of jobs available in Warren for trained workers. A Jamestown Sunday paper had an editorial piece that was pro-drilling and cited wages that start about \$75,000.

## 6. Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting – August 25<sup>th</sup> following PACCA.
- 6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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