

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 26, 2015
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, BOARD ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chairman
Ms. Marcy Morgan
Mr. Michael Zamborik

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Donna Zariczny	Ms. Amy Stewart	Ms. Sue Turner
Ms. Mary Anne Paris	Mr. Gary Weber	Ms. Melissa McLean
Mr. Paul Mangione	Ms. Ruth Nelson	Mr. Scott Johnson (Nutrition)
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht	Ms. Melissa Kingen (Nutrition)
Mr. Arthur Stewart	Mr. Mike Kiehl	Mr. Brian Ferry (Times Observer)
Dr. William Clark	Mr. Matt Jones	Members of the Public (2)
Mr. Jim Grosch	Ms. Ruth Huck	

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Mr. John Werner, Chairman.

1.2 Public Comment – None

2. Old Business

2.1 Revised Agreement with IU5 to Provide Title I Services to St. Joseph School

Discussion:

The original agreement was approved at the May Board Meeting. There was a small adjustment made in the figures that revised the contract agreement by \$3.30. This agreement reflects the corrected figure.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the revised agreement with IU5 to provide Title I services to qualified students attending St. Joseph School.

2.2 Revisions to Elementary Textbooks Quote

Discussion:

Mr. Weber noted that the original quote was amended to add additional resources for teachers.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the revision to the purchase of Elementary Language Arts Textbooks and Elementary Social Studies Textbooks in the amount of \$350,651.04, per the attached quote to be funded using committed textbook funds.

3. New Business

3.1 Teachscape License Agreement

Discussion:

Teachscape is the software that is used to evaluate teachers. This was purchased with Race to the Top funding. The District was afforded the opportunity to extend with funding for one more year.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the renewal of the Teachscape licensing for the 2015-2016 school year at the cost of \$13,050 as indicated in the attached quote.

3.2 Performance PLUS License & Maintenance Renewal

Discussion:

PerformancePlus is a program that works with the eSchool program and helps us track assessment data for students.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from Sungard to renew licensing and support for PerformancePlus for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$28,000.

3.3 GRANT: 2015-16 Title I, Part A Plan

Discussion:

This item is to request approval to submit the application for the Title I, Part A funds. The amount available is \$1,131,272.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop and submit a Title I, Part A application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide educational support to eligible students in the Warren County School District for the 2015-16 school year.

3.4 GRANT: 2015-16 Title II, Part A Plan

Discussion: This item is to request approval to submit the application for the Title II, Part A funds. The amount available is \$291,014.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop and submit a Title II, Part A application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide a variety of professional development activities for district staff during the 2015-16 school year.

3.5 GRANT: National Archery in Schools at YHS

Discussion:

This is the same grant that Sheffield received a few years ago. It has been a great opportunity for the students.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to assist Youngsville High School in pursuing grants funds to establish a National Archery in Schools Program.

3.6 GRANT: Beef and Veal in the Classroom

Discussion:

Family and Consumer Science teachers are asking for permission to apply for grants of up to \$100 for beef or veal products. This reinforces lessons about lean beef and veal selection, storage, preparation and nutrition.

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

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.

3.7 Sewing Machines

Discussion:

This agenda item, purchasing of new sewing machines and Agenda Item 3.8 Family Consumer Science Textbooks are both part of updating our curriculum. The machines are 8+ years old and the teachers researched for sturdy, dependable machines.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of new sewing machines at the cost of \$33,052.45 as indicated in the attached quote.

3.8 Family Consumer Science Textbooks

Discussion:

This item was discussed in conjunction with Item 3.7 Sewing Machines. The purchasing of new textbooks is part of updating the curriculum.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors adopts the Family Consumer Science Textbooks and approves the purchase in the amount of \$19,771.85 per the attached quotes.

3.9 75th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Mass Band – Dec. 7, 2016

Discussion:

Youngsville High School Marching Eagles Band has been invited to participate in a commemorative performance for the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The mass performance ensemble, including bands from across the U.S. and Japan, will perform a concert on December 7, 2016. The travel dates are approximate and the Marching Eagles are requesting approval to attend and begin fundraising events.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Youngsville High School Marching Eagles Band field trip to Hawaii from December 4 through December 9, 2016 for the purpose of attending the 75th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Mass Band.

4. Informational Items - None

5. Other

5.1 Staffing Update

High School Staffing – Handouts of preliminary information regarding core high school classes and a few electives for classes to be offered were distributed. Discussed briefly how administration is adhering to policy to determine courses and how many sections would be offered at each school next year. Mr. Weber asked for committee members' input relative to the format used and whether this format captured the information the Board would like to be presented as we move forward. The committee gave approval and Mr. Weber will populate the rest of the courses based on the format. Information will be presented later in June.

Elementary Staffing – Mrs. Nelson presented a handout and discussed that Kindergarten registration enrollment numbers are lower than expected. An additional make-up day for Kindergarten registration was held and no one came. Contacts are being made with Head Start and various preschools to make sure that transition meetings are occurring. Administrators are working with principals regarding numbers to expect on the first day/week of school as last minute registrations are inevitable. It was noted that it is more efficient to add staff in the fall than to add them now and have to cut later. This is the process that was used for budget prep.

- 5.2 Mr. Zamborik noted that he did not have a WCCC report as he was unable to connect with Dr. Jaskolka. He also asked for information on the hiring of the new principal for next year. Mrs. Stewart replied that the Board approved the hiring of Mr. Evers at the last meeting. Dr. Jaskolka's last day at WCCC is June 30 and Mr. Evers begins on July 1; however, they will be working together on transitioning before then.

6. Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, June 29, 2015 following PACCA

- 6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.