

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

February 29, 2016
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Marcy Morgan, Acting Chair
Mr. Joseph Colosimo
Mr. Michael Zamborik

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John Werner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Donna Zariczny
Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mr. Thomas Knapp
Mr. John Anderson
Dr. William Clark
Ms. Amy Stewart
Mr. Gary Weber
Mr. James Grosch
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht
Ms. Patricia Hawley
Ms. Rhonda Decker
Mr. Brian Collopy
Mr. Rick Gignac
Mr. Mike Kiehl
Ms. Sue Turner
Ms. Ruth Huck
Ms. Melissa McLean
Mr. Josh Cotton (Times Observer)
Mr. Andy Close (Times Observer)
Approximately 6 members of the public

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Ms. Marcy Morgan at 7:06 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment

- Mitchell Angove, a sophomore in the WCSD, was in attendance to present research opinions pertaining to class rank. The research examples support the opinion that he expressed at the last meeting relative to concerns that the District's current recognition system is flawed. He proposed that the District move to an honors recognition system, moving away from valedictorian recognition. Last month this was tabled due to the fact that this topic had been reviewed in the past and there was no clear, concise request with a specific goal attached to warrant any further discussion. After the presentation tonight, Mr. Colosimo thanked Mitchell and asked for the topic to be placed on the agenda for discussion. Discussion included the history of this issue, noting that the last time it was addressed it included a rewriting of policy. Questions were posed as to whether all areas, including athletic and career center student recognitions would or should be impacted if the academic change was made. Suggestion was made to incorporate discussion of this topic as part of the decisions that will be made as we move towards high school reform in the near future.

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

3.1 Barber National Institute Acute Partial Hospitalization Program Agreement

Discussion: Ms. Hawley noted that this is an annual agreement. The Barber National Institute Acute Partial Hospitalization Program provides a continuation of care between school and community providing therapeutic services to support individual needs of special education students with a qualifying mental health diagnosis.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of Directors approve the Acute Partial Hospitalization Program (APHP) Agreement with Barber National Institute as presented.

3.2 Wide Area Network Contract- Velocity.net

Discussion: The District put a Wide Area Network proposal out to bid in conjunction with the eRate timeline for reimbursement. The current Wide Area Network connects each school site to the District's data center at Allegheny Valley Elementary School. The new proposed Wide Area Network updates our data center location at 25 Conewango Avenue, and increases the speed of transmission between sites by 10 times. All sites will be physically connected with fiber, and premise equipment is included in the price of the total contract. This bid will save the district a tremendous amount of money over the next five years.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the contract from Velocity.net to provide Wide Area Network services between the sites of the Warren County School District for a term of 5 years, at a yearly cost of \$70,200 from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

3.3 Voice Over IP- SIP Trunk Service Contract- Velocity.net

Discussion: The District put a SIP Trunk proposal out to bid in conjunction with the eRate timeline for reimbursement. SIP Trunk services are used by the District's VOIP phone system for inward and outward calling.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the contract from Velocity.net to provide SIP Trunk services for the Warren County School District for a term of 5 years, at a yearly cost of about \$7,661.40 from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

3.4 Internet Service Contract- Zito Media Communications

Discussion: The District put an Internet proposal out to bid in conjunction with the eRate timeline for reimbursement. This is an annual contract.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the contract from Zito Media Communications to provide Internet Access services for the Warren County School District for a term of 1 year, at a cost of \$55,800 from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

3.5 YEMS VOIP Phone System Equipment

Discussion: YEMS is the last building that needs to have the phone system replaced. This system replaces what currently exists, and adds several features such as bridged conference calling, automated attendants, on demand voice mail, and web based management. Phones will be installed in each office, classroom, and common area.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from OASystems for \$38,657.40 to cover hardware and maintenance on a phone system replacement for Youngsville Elementary/Middle School.

3.6 Physical Education 7 - Planned Instruction

Discussion: This item is on the agenda to correct a language error in the planned

instruction that was previously approved on January 12, 2015.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Planned Instruction for Physical Education 7 as presented.

3.7 Microsoft Renewal

Discussion: This is the second payment on our three year term to Microsoft for volume licensing renewal.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the payment of \$41,247 to Microsoft for volume licensing renewal.

3.8 Dickinson Center, Inc. Agreement

Discussion: Students participating in Partial Hospitalization Program services through Dickinson Center, Inc. receive an appropriate intensive therapeutic program, education and seamless transition back to their home districts.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: The Board of Directors approves the Letter of Agreement between Dickinson Center, Inc. Partial Hospitalization Program and Warren County School District.

3.9 Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab for Sheffield Area Elementary School

Discussion: The Lab is provided by the PA Friends of Ag Foundation and travels with a certified teacher to different schools around the state. The science curriculum taught meets Pennsylvania Department of Education Science & Technology and Environment & Ecology Standards and is endorsed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. This has been done throughout the District in the past. There is no cost to the District.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves a contract to host the Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab at Sheffield Area Elementary School in April 2016.

3.10 Struthers Library Theatre Contract - WAHS Graduation 2017

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the rental contract with Struthers Library Theatre in the amount of \$550 for usage of the facility for the Warren Area High School Graduation activities for the 2016-2017 school year.

3.11 Virtual Academy Planned Instruction

Discussion: The Virtual Planned Instructions include: Art I World Cultures, Computer Programming, Biotechnology, Introduction to Early Childhood Education, and Medical Law and Ethics.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Virtual Academy Planned Instructions as presented.

3.12 Achievement Center Agreement

Discussion: Behavior Specialist Consulting (BSC) services will be provided by a master's level clinician with experience in Applied Behavior Analysis. The BSC will maintain a monthly schedule, not to exceed 900 hours, for the 2016-2017 school year to ensure services are provided to students in each attendance area. The BSC will work collaboratively with students, parents and district staff to support students receiving Itinerant, Supplemental and Full-Time Autistic Support services throughout Warren County School District.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: The Board of Directors approves the Achievement Center Agreement.

3.13 Community & School Based Behavioral Health (CSBBH) Implementation Agreement

Discussion: This is an annual agreement for what is considered a Tier III Intervention. Currently BWMS, YEMS and WAEC are participating in school-wide positive behavior support and this program is at full capacity with students receiving services. There is no cost to the District but we do provide a location and support.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Implementation Agreement with Community Care Behavioral Health Organization as presented and authorizes the Superintendent and principals sign documents as indicated.

4. Informational Items

4.1 District Computer Summary

The Technology Department was tasked with providing an up to date summary of computer age and distribution across the district. A spreadsheet depicting the information was provided.

5. Other

- 5.1 WCCC Report - Mr. Zamborik talked to Mr. Evers about the Career Center. Administration will provide a WCCC Ed. Spec. to Mr. Colosimo.

6. Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, March 28, 2016 following PACCA

- 6.2 Executive Session

- 6.3 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.