CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 28, 2016 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chair

Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Mr. Michael Zamborik

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Arthur Stewart

Mr. Thomas Knapp

Mr. Paul Mangione

Dr. William Clark

Ms. Amy Stewart

Mr. Gary Weber

Mr. James Grosch

Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht

Ms. Patricia Hawley

Mr. Brian Collopy

Mr. Mike Kiehl

Mr. Matt Jones

Ms. Sue Turner

Ms. Ruth Huck

Ms. Melissa McLean

Mr. Josh Cotton (Times Observer)

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Werner at 6:11 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment

None

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

3.1 Nimble SAN Purchase

Discussion: The Technology Department has reviewed options for disaster recovery and back-up solutions. This is a purchase that will protect the District from a storage perspective.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from Applications2U for \$168,750.54 to purchase a Nimble CS500 appliance, installation and 5 year software and hardware warranty under the PEPPM state contract pricing.

3.2 **APC Battery Backup**

Discussion: This item and Item 3.1 will protect the District and allow us to continue to operate in the event of major power outages.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from Applications2U for \$45,318.61 for installation and configuration of new APC battery backup units at the Anderson Building to support the new data center power requirements.

3.3 aimsweb Complete

Discussion: This three year software program will provide special education teachers with a tool to collect and monitor progress specific to established academic and behavior goals in each Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of Directors approves the purchase of aimsweb Complete.

3.4 MOU between WCSD and WCEA - 2016 Summer Learning Opportunities

Discussion: This MOU is for summer courses. There was no discussion.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

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Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Warren County School District and the Warren County Education Association as presented.

3.5 GRANT: Supplemental Equipment Grant 2015-16

Discussion: Mr. Matt Jones noted that this PDE formula grant is available to Career and Technical buildings.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to assist the staff of the Warren County Career Center in pursuing funding for equipment via the Supplemental Equipment Grant offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

3.6 GRANT: Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant 2015-16

Discussion: This item is similar to the previous agenda item grant opportunity; however, this one is a competitive grant and there would be a 50/50% match, up to \$50,000. Mrs. Stewart noted that the funding for this will probably flow in 16/17. There has been an initial conversation regarding the source of our match if the grant is awarded but further discussions will be held as our budget process progresses.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work with staff at the Warren County Career Center to prepare and submit an equipment proposal to the Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant offered through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

3.7 GRANT: Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant

Discussion: The grant provides funding to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: The Board of Directors instructs the district administration to assist interested teachers with an application from Sheffield Area Middle High School to the Dollar General Back to School Youth Literacy Grant for level one and two novels.

3.8 GRANT: Career and Technical Education Makeover Challenge, 2015-16

Discussion: The U.S. Department of Education has announced Career and Technical Education (CTE) Makeover Challenge. The Challenge is for eligible high schools to design models of makerspaces that strengthen career and technical skills through making

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(models of CTE makerspaces). There will be ten designs selected and awards will be \$20,000 each to build the design.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to assist the staff of the Warren County Career Center in pursuing funding through the US Department of Education's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Makeover Challenge.

- 4. Informational Items None
- 5. Other
 - 5.1 Mr. Zamborik gave a report on the Career Center.
- 6. Closing Activities
 - 6.1 Next Meeting Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
 - 6.2 Executive Session
 - 6.3 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.