

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

May 31, 2016

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Marcy Morgan, Chair Pro Tem
Mr. Joseph Colosimo
Mr. Michael Zamborik

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Donna Zariczny	Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht
Mr. Arthur Stewart	Dr. Patricia Hawley
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Mr. Brian Collopy
Mr. Paul Mangione	Mr. Mike Kiehl
Dr. William Clark	Mr. Matt Jones
Ms. Amy Stewart	Ms. Ruth Huck
Mr. Gary Weber	Ms. Melissa McLean
Mr. James Grosch	Ms. Kiley Fischer (Times Observer)
	Two members of the public

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Marcy Morgan, Chair Pro Tem at 8:59 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment - None

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

3.1 **Applications2U/WCSD Data Center Project Contract Update- Timeline Modifications**

Discussion: The original agreement contracted with Applications2U last October referenced a timeline for data center project completion. The District has construction work and facility preparation work that is still ongoing. This recommended motion is to

approve an addendum that will allow the site preparation to be completed and then set a new timeline.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves to suspend the Applications2U Data Center Project Contract until site preparation is complete and a new timeline is developed.

3.2 NetBrain Software

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the proposed quote from NetBrain for \$31,830.00 which includes the first year of maintenance and permanent licensing.

3.3 Cisco Network Replacement Purchase

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the quote from OASystems based on COSTARS totaling \$348,380 for the installation and configuration of critical networking equipment in our school buildings.

3.4 Wide Area Network Contract to add Allegheny Valley Elementary School

Discussion: An approval was previously granted for the services for the new data center. This contract for WestPa.net will provide WAN services as an overlap between the old data center and the new data center.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement and SLA from WestPA.net to provide Wide Area Network services between the building formerly known as “Allegheny Valley Elementary School” and 25 Conewango Avenue through January of 2017 for the cost of \$_____ per month.

3.5 Dual Enrollment Agreement - Gannon University 2015-2016

Discussion: Mr. Weber noted that we have a student that took courses and we were trying to help with dual credit, but we have not received the contract back from Gannon. He

recommended we remove this agenda item.

Action: Agenda item will be removed.

Motion: No motion.

3.6 Race to the Top Agreement Amendment

Discussion: We have received funding over a series of years. It has been used previously for iPads and the teacher evaluation system that we currently use. We were recently notified there was additional funding available.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the attached Race to the Top - Phase 3 (RTT3) Use of Funds Agreement Amendment.

3.7 SimSpray Standard Training Bay - WCCC

Discussion: The SimSpray Training Bay is for the Autobody Shop at the WCCC. Recently we visited a school and there was a demonstration of how this operates. Essentially the students practice and the product is saved and reused.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the purchase of a SimSpray Standard Training Bay for the Career Center per the attached quotation from Allegheny Educational Systems, Inc.

3.8 Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems & Adult Residential Services Letter of Agreement

Discussion: This agreement is for support services. There was no discussion.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: The Board of Directors approves the Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems & Adult Residential Services Letter of Agreement.

3.9 Staff Development for Educators (SDE) Agreement for On-Site Trainer 9/2/16

Discussion: Item was approved at the Special Board Meeting.

Action: Forward motion to the Special Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the Professional Development Agreement for on-site staff development training with Dan St. Romain on September 2, 2016.

3.10 Consortium Agreement with NCS Pearson, Inc.

Discussion: This agreement with NCS Pearson, Inc. will allow the District to market Gradpoint Virtual courses for use outside the District. Our Solicitor is reviewing the agreement and the final review will be ready when it is presented at the Board meeting.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the attached consortium agreement with NCS Pearson, Inc.

3.11 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, Evaluation Contract for Cohort 8

Discussion: Mr. Matt Jones noted that the contract is with the external evaluator for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cohort 8 Grant. An evaluator is a requirement of the grant. The amount spent will not exceed \$30,000.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves a contract between the Warren County School District and Keystone Research Corporation (KSRC) for grant-mandated evaluation services related to Cohort 8 of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant. The amount of the contract shall not exceed \$30,000.00, and will address grant activities for the period of January 6, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

3.12 GRANT: iPads K-2

Discussion: Mr. Weber noted that this is an exciting time with the changes in curriculum and we are able to offer new opportunities. This opportunity will allow the purchase of classroom sets of iPads for grades K, 1, and 2. These will be utilized District-wide.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of iPads for K-2 in the amount of \$364,541.50 per the attached documentation.

4. Informational Items

4.1 GRANT: 2016-17 Beef and Veal Grant

Discussion: The Pennsylvania Beef Council offers the Beef & Veal in the Classroom

program to provide financial support for the use of beef and veal products in junior and senior high school Family and Consumer Science courses. It reinforces lessons about lean beef and veal selection, storage, preparation and nutrition.

Action: Forward motion to the Board meeting.

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.

5. Other

- 5.1 High School Reform Update – Mr. Weber briefed the committee on the status to date. There have been three meetings with the High School Reform Team, with the third one being tonight. Tonight they discussed specific concerns that formed the basis of the goals with administration. They are getting feedback and insight from the teachers and they are excited to be moving in a common direction. Mr. Weber will reach out to the group again regarding items and a specific schedule. The meeting went very well. The goals and action plan are final at this point. We have a solid plan going into next year to prepare for High School Reform. Two key elements impact education success more than anything: highly skilled teachers and skilled leaders that focus on instruction in the classroom. The goal is to have a solid plan in place by August of 2016 for implementation in the 2017-18 school year. Question was raised regarding whether there would be budget implications moving forward. The plan will need to be implemented in stages. There will be costs associated and we will continue to have a lot of discussion regarding how to best utilize the resources.
- 5.2 HGP Pilot Program Update – Dr. Hawley noted there has been discussion on moving the Highly Gifted Pilot program to Beaty. The intent is to come back to the Board with a presentation of a schedule and activities in the near future. There are nine students currently in the Highly Gifted Pilot program. One area of feedback has been that in the past the students have had a difficult transition back to their schools. A model of putting the program into Beaty will allow the students to maintain a small group setting within a typical school, which should help the students when it is time to transition back. The students would also have access to the guidance and nursing staff. If the change occurs, only the Highly Gifted Program would move to Beaty, not the entire gifted program. The Learning Enrichment Center would continue to operate as the site for the other gifted services.
- 5.3 MTSS Update – Dr. Hawley presented on MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support). The MTSS addresses academic, social, emotional, and behavioral development of children from early childhood to graduation. It provides multiple levels of support for all learners. It will align resources and support for students receiving instruction and for the teachers and

support staff who deliver the instruction. The presentation outlined the three tiers for implementation, with the final full implementation being 2017-18.

5.4 Mr. Zamborik gave information to Dr. Clark for Mr. Evers at the WCCC.

5.5 Mr. Weber was asked to provide information regarding summer school fees for regular school, not credit recovery. He noted that schools in the surrounding area all charge more than we do and the majority of the courses are for credit recovery. Last year WCSD raised the cost to \$50 and \$100 per course, and the student could take one course. From 2011-14 we spent \$20-\$40,000 on summer school. The District is trying to break even on summer school, not make money.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, June 27, 2016 following PACCA

6.2 Executive Session

6.3 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.