

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 21, 2016
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chair
Mr. Michael Zamborik
Mr. Joseph Colosimo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Donna Zariczny	Mr. Gary Weber	Mr. Matt Jones
Mr. Arthur Stewart	Mr. Jim Grosch	Ms. Sue Turner
Mr. Paul Mangione	Ms. Rhonda Decker	Ms. Ruth Huck
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Dr. Patricia Hawley	Mr. Phil Heubach (WCEA)
Ms. Marcy Morgan	Mr. Brian Collopy	Ms. Melissa McLean
Ms. Amy Stewart	Mr. Rick Gignac	Members of the Public (2)
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht	Mr. Mike Kiehl	Mr. Brian Ferry (Times Observer)

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Werner, Chair at 7:23 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment - None

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

3.1 **GRANT: 2016-17 Rural Low Income Schools**

Discussion: The USDE awards formula grants to PDE, who in turn award sub-grants to eligible LEAs, either competitively or on a formula basis. Mr. Matt Jones informed the committee members that the District has been notified of a formula award and application will need to be submitted per specific grant guidelines. The administrators will have discussion and review options for using the funding within the guidelines. The monies may be used for teacher recruitment and retention, teacher professional development, educational technology, parent involvement activities, Safe- and Drug-Free Schools

activities, Title I and/or Title III activities. This cannot be used for things that are currently being done.

Action: Forward the motion to the next regular Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for funding through the Rural and Low-Income School Program for items and/or activities that meet grant guidelines.

3.2 **GRANT: Student Food Pantry Support - YHS**

Discussion: The District has been working with community partners to establish student food pantries at schools to support students in need. Pantries must be stocked with food, hygiene, and other items before opening. The proposed grant would help stock the pantry for opening.

Action: Forward the motion to the next regular Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Community Foundation for Warren County in the amount of \$5,000 to aid in the stocking/re-stocking of the planned student food pantry at Youngsville High School.

3.3 **GRANT: Student Food Pantry Support – SAMHS**

Discussion: The District has been working with community partners to establish student food pantries at schools to support students in need. Pantries must be stocked with food, hygiene, and other items before opening. The proposed grant would help stock the pantry for opening.

Action: Forward the motion to the next regular Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Community Foundation for Warren County in the amount of \$5,000 to aid in the stocking/re-stocking of the planned student food pantry at Sheffield Area Middle High School.

3.4 **Dickinson Center, Inc. Crossroads Agreement Amendment**

Discussion: Dr. Hawley noted the Amendment that is proposed is for the purpose of eliminating transportation from the current agreement.

Action: Forward the motion to the next regular Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Addendum with Dickinson Center, Inc. with regard to the Partial Hospitalization Program; authorizes the Superintendent and Director of Pupil Services to sign the Addendum; and directs the

administration to advise Dickinson Center, Inc. that the District is terminating the Agreement if Dickinson Center, Inc. does not sign and return the Addendum within 15 days of its receipt by Dickinson Center, Inc.

3.5 **Sungard Renewal**

Discussion: There was no discussion. The renewal was included in the current 2016-2017 budget.

Action: Forward the motion to the next regular Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from Sungard to renew licensing and maintenance contracts for one year at the amount of \$75,888.85 for Eschool+ and Finance+ software.

4. Informational Items

- 4.1 **Gifts and Donations 2015-2016** – A listing was shared that depicted gifts and donations received last school year.
- 4.2 **Project Search** – Dr. Hawley spoke to this agenda item and combined it with **Item 4.4 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)** – She distributed handouts that summarized WIOA which was signed into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends other acts. It provides legislation that will ensure that students who are working are paid minimum wage for their work. The Project Search is a business led, one year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations. The program focus is on serving young adults with a variety of developmental disabilities. Partners provide consistent on-site staff including a special education teacher from the District and job coaches (usually funded by Vocational Rehabilitation and a supported employment agency and/or the school. Discussions are underway to have a five-way agreement with an annual commitment of \$3,000 each and the District would also be responsible for 21% of salaries and benefits for a transition coordinator that will teach the employees/workers the soft and hard skills necessary for success. The five-way agreement would be between the ID office, OVR, BEI, WCSD and a company that participates in Project Search. More details will be forthcoming and Dr. Hawley will prepare an agenda item motion for an upcoming Board Meeting to begin the process.
- 4.3 **Nursing Services** – Dr. Hawley provided information on how the nursing services have expanded in two years. The District employs certified school nurses, medical assistant aides, and a small number of students have private duty nurses. The District has back-up plans for children with private duty nurses, but occasionally there is a shortage of qualified staff to cover when there are medical staff absences, particularly covering field trips. The District has begun to reach out to third party providers to possibly establish services as a resource when the medical areas are short staffed and there are no substitutes available

through Kelly Services. Contracts for third party resources will be presented to the Board in the future for consideration.

4.4 **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)** – See Item 4.2 Project Search

5. Other

6.0 Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – To be determined.

6.2 Executive Session - None

6.3 Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.