

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

March 27, 2017

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chair

Mr. Michael Zamborik

Mr. Thomas Knapp filled in for Mr. Colosimo

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Joseph Colosimo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Arthur Stewart

Mr. Paul Mangione

Ms. Marcy Morgan

Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht

Dr. Patricia Hawley

Mr. Gary Weber

Mr. Jim Grosch

Ms. Rhonda Decker

Mr. Eric Mineweaser

Mr. Mike Kiehl

Mr. Matt Jones

Mr. Rick Gignac

Mr. Brian Collopy

Ms. Ruth Huck

Ms. Sue Turner

Ms. Melissa McLean

Mr. Josh Cotton (Times Observer)

Members of Public (approx.10)

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Werner, Chair at 6:03 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment - None

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

3.1 **IU5 Agreement – Title I Services at St. Joseph 2016-2017 School Year**

Discussion: Mrs. Decker explained that PDE funding allocation was reduced. This agreement reflects the reduction from the original agreement that was approved last July.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the revised Letter of Agreement with IU5 to provide Title I services to qualified students of St. Joseph School for the 2016-

2017 school year.

3.2 **Planned Instruction Revision – Building Construction Occupations**

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the revisions to the Building Construction Occupations Technology planned instruction including updates to the textbook information.

3.3 **Smart Technologies Software Licensing Renewal**

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the quote from Whitlock for \$35,910 to renew Smart Technologies software that is used with the various Smart Boards and Smart Televisions across the district, the license agreement extends through June of 2019.

3.4 **GRANT: Support for Warren County Career Student Competitions**

Discussion: Mr. Matt Jones noted that the students at the Career Center have done well in competitions, advancing many students to the state level. The purpose of this item is to request funds from the Community Foundation to help support the expenses for the state competitions.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit a grant request to the Community Foundation for Warren County requesting financial assistance to support state-level competition expenses for Warren County Career Center students.

3.5 **GRANT: Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Grant for Warren County Career Center**

Discussion: Mr. Jones explained that the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) awards tax credits to operating businesses through Scholarship Organizations (SO's), Educational Improvement Organizations (EIO's), and/or Pre-K Scholarship Organizations (PKSO's). The Warren-Forest Higher Education Council is an approved EIO for EITC requests.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an EITC request in the amount of \$12,055 to the Warren-Forest Higher Education Council for funding of dual enrollment opportunities and program of study software at the Warren County Career Center.

3.6 **GRANT: Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) Grant**

Discussion: The Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) offers mini-grants to teachers to provide assistance with the transportation costs for field trips to their site during the 2017-18 school year.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work with interested teachers to submit Tom Ridge Environmental Center grants for qualified field trip proposals.

3.7 **GRANT: 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC) Cohort 7 Extension**

Discussion: The new federal budget proposals made by the President put the 21CCLC Grant Program at risk of reduction or elimination. The Cohort 7 extension will ensure that the WCSD elementary after school program will continue for at least another year while federal budget negotiations take place. Mr. Jones also noted that the administration just learned today that PDE intends to ask for a year 5 of funding and WCSD hopes to request this extension as well, which could give WCSD a second additional year to offer the program. The after school program is offered at each of our elementary schools as well as Tidioute Charter School.

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

Motion: That the administration submits an application in the amount of \$399,000 as an extension of the existing Cohort 7 of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, offering an after school program for students in grades 2-5 in each of the WCSD attendance areas.

3.8 **GradPoint Licensing**

Discussion: Mrs. Decker explained that the proposed addendum changes the definition of “Territory” in our existing agreement with Connections Education LLC d/b/a Pearson Online & Blended Learning K-12 (Pearson OBL). The change allows all districts in Pennsylvania to access GradPoint under the terms of the Agreement. Mr. Byham has reviewed the addendum.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the addendum to the Connections Education LLC GradPoint Licensing agreement with the Warren County School District as presented.

4. Informational Items

- 4.1 **WAEC Kindergarten Summer Camp 2017 - Proposed Pilot Program** – Mrs. Decker distributed a handout that gave information relative to the proposed program. The program is designed as an eight day morning program proposed for WAEC incoming kindergarten students. Mrs. Decker will work with the Preschool Coalition group to assist with advertising for this summer camp. More details will be presented as information is discussed during budget preparation meetings.
- 4.2 **Gifted Support Program** – Mrs. Misty Weber has been working with PDE's gifted consultant and liaison regarding gifted services. She will present an update and review of WCSD's gifted program at the meeting next month.

5. Other

- 5.1 Mr. Zamborik gave information to Mr. Weber for the WCCC.

6. Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting Date - Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- 6.2 Executive Session - None
- 6.3 Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.