

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

April 24, 2017

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Knapp, Acting Chair
Mr. Joseph Colosimo
Mr. Michael Zamborik

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John Werner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Donna Zariczny	Mr. Gary Weber	Ms. Elizabeth Kent
Mr. Arthur Stewart	Ms. Rhonda Decker	Ms. Ann Ryan
Mr. Paul Mangione	Mr. Eric Mineweaser	Ms. Louise Tharp
Ms. Marcy Morgan	Mr. Mike Kiehl	Ms. Ruth Huck
Ms. Amy Stewart	Mr. Rick Gignac	Ms. Melissa McLean
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht	Mr. Brian Collopy	Mr. Brian Ferry, (Times Observer)
Dr. Patricia Hawley	Ms. Misty Weber	Members of Public (26)

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thomas Knapp, Acting Chairman at 5:58 p.m. At the opening of the meeting there was a conference call presentation by Ms. Jamie Doyle (PFM). The information relative to the presentation is summarized on the Physical Plants and Facilities report.

1.2 Public Comment

- Ms. Kim Angove expressed concerns regarding rumors that the District will be eliminating AP courses at the smaller schools and the need for the District to make programs available in a highly constructive way or provide them at all schools. She noted the current procedure is not acceptable.
- Caitlin Strassburg, a sophomore at WAHS, spoke of her concerns that the budget cuts may eliminate PMEA opportunities and academic competitions thus creating negative feedback for the community. She referenced a petition with 140 signatures and the perception is that the District cares more about athletes than academic or artistically gifted students. Colleges take notice of the achievement of the students.

- Louise Tharp thanked the Board for approving the Smiles program for students in Warren County, noting it is the third year of having the program in the District.
- Jeanette Walter shared insight into what a librarian does and how they teach life learning skills to students. They are not just “keepers of the books”.
- Another individual spoke that he was a former student of the District and it would be tragic and heartbreaking if students did not get the chance to participate in PMEA events and represent the county.

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

3.1 **2017-2019 Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP (“SSKW”) Legal Services Consultation Agreement**

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the 2017-2019 Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP (“SSKW”) Legal Services Consultation Agreement, as presented.

3.2 **2017-2018 Behavior Specialist Consulting Achievement Center Agreement**

Discussion: Dr. Hawley noted that the agreement with the Achievement Center is to provide a Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC) with Applied Behavior Analysis experience to apply interventions based on theory to support facilitation of interventions with children identified with Autism. The BSC will consult and train teachers to implement interventions, collaborate with special education case managers and support parent inquiries.

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

Motion: The Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 Behavior Specialist Consulting Achievement Center Agreement, as presented.

3.3 **2017-2018 Student Support BSC Therapist Achievement Center Agreement - WAA**

Discussion: This agreement would be for a Student Support BSC Therapist to continue to provide support services at YEMS and also include additional hours for support at YHS.

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

Motion: The Board of Education 2017-2018 Student Support BSC Therapist Achievement Center Agreement, as presented.

3.4 2017-2018 Student Support BSC Therapist Achievement Center Agreement - CAA

Discussion: This agreement would be for a Student Support BSC Therapist to provide support services at WAEC and BWMS.

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

Motion: The Board of Education 2017-2018 Student Support BSC Therapist Achievement Center Agreement, as presented.

3.5 GRANT: School To Work Mini-Grant for EMHS Industry Club

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work submit an application to the School To Work committee for \$1,500 to support the EMHS Industry Club computer build project.

4. Informational Items

- 4.1 Gifted Support Program** – Mrs. Misty Weber presented information on the Gifted Support Program. The gifted program teachers and administration have attended trainings and a state liaison was brought in for professional development training. The District provides acceleration to students who are not necessarily identified as gifted and the District has put together an acceleration team this year, to look at all components of procedure and policy. This is currently being reviewed by Mr. Byham, WCSD Solicitor. The gifted support staff focuses on enrichment, a key component of the GIEP. Mrs. Weber noted that they learned that gifted education programming must be an integral part of the day as specially designed instruction for the student. She also presented information regarding a diminishing attendance at the LEC. Moving forward, the District wants to provide gifted support services within the school buildings while offering opportunities for gifted support students district-wide throughout the 17-18 school year. Gifted support programming will be a collaborative effort with gifted support teachers and regular education teachers in the classroom. Mrs. Decker also noted that we are looking at how to transition those students from the highly gifted pilot who reside in a different attendance area who now attend school in the central attendance area. There is more flexibility in the school day where the students are accessible in their buildings. It was noted that while it is great to focus on the math, science and technology components we should not lose sight of the economic principles. Mr. Stewart noted that it makes sense to adapt gifted service opportunities to align with the re-configuring that the District has done throughout the years with the closing of buildings.

5. Other

5.1 Mr. Zamborik

- He questioned whether the writings of the students that were presented at the tour in the NAA were shared with Dr. Hawley. Mrs. Stewart said it was rewarding to hear the students and that they were forwarded to all the Board Members and Dr. Hawley.
- He also noted that there was an article of “Why Bother?” that should be shared with guidance department.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting Date - Monday, May 22, 2017 following PACCA

6.2 Executive Session - None

6.3 Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.