# CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 30, 2018

#### CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Joseph Colosimo, Chair

Mr. Michael Zamborik

Ms. Mary Passinger

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

| Ms. Donna Zariczny       | Ms. Sue Turner        |
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| Mr. Paul Mangione        | Mr. Matt Jones        |
| Mr. Arthur Stewart       | Mr. Mike Kiehl        |
| Mr. Jeffrey Labesky      | Mr. Shane Flannery    |
| Ms. Marcy Morgan         | Mr. Roger Tubbs       |
| Ms. Amy Stewart          | Ms. Melissa McLean    |
| Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht | Ms. Louise Tharp      |
| Mr. Gary Weber           | Mr. Brian Ferry (WTO) |
| Mr. Jim Grosch           | Mr. Jeff Flickner     |
| Dr. Patricia Hawley      | Ms. Liz Kent          |
| Mr. Eric Mineweaser      | Mr. Jim Evers         |
| Mr. Rick Gignac          | Members of Public 6   |

#### 1. Opening Activities

#### 1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Colosimo, Chairman at 6:02 PM.

1.2 Public Comment – Summer Black, a senior at WAHS has academically challenged herself to graduate early. She was unaware of how GPA would compare to members of her class. She cannot have honors recognition because she has not attended her junior and senior at WAHS. She considers herself a member of Warren Area Schools since the beginning of her school career. Summer feels that because she took the same number of classes in order

to graduate early, and earned the honors that she should be able to be recognized. She feels the policy is unfair to her and a classmate in her current graduating class also believes that it is unfair. She would like to suggest that students who graduate early be recognized for scholastic honors and there be a dual ranking that she could share if her GPA indicates a need for dual ranking.

- 1.3 Information, Procedural, Other None
- 2. Old Business None
- 3. New Business None
  - 3.1 2018-2019 Behavior Specialist Consultant Services Agreement (CAA & WAA)

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the 2018-2019 Behavior Specialist Consultant Services Agreement (CAA & WAA), as presented.

3.2 2018-2019 Behavior Specialist Consultant Services Agreement (district-wide)

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the **2018-2019 Behavior Specialist** Consultant Services Agreement (district-wide), as presented.

3.3 2018 Extended School Year – Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC)

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 14, 2018

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the **2018 Extended School Year – Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC)**, as presented.

3.4 2018-2019 Bollinger Enterprises, Inc. Agreement

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 14, 2018

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the **2018-2019 Bollinger Enterprises**, **Inc. Agreement**, as presented.

#### 3.5 2018-2019 Language Instructional Education Program Services IU5 Contract.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the 2018-2019 Language Instructional Education Program Services IU5 Contract, as presented.

#### 3.6 2018-2019 Handle With Care Agreement

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the **2018-2019 Handle With Care Agreement**, as presented.

#### 3.7 ABA Intensive Summer Training 2018

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the **ABA Intensive Summer Training 2018**, as presented.

#### 3.8 **2018** Extended School Year Agreement – Glenn-Den Enterprises

Will be providing OT / PT services for students, who attend extended school year.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the **2018 Extended School Year Agreement – Glenn-Den Enterprises**, as presented.

## 3.9 Creative Learning Systems SmartLab Enhancement Price Quotation for Warren Area Elementary Center

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the Creative Learning Systems SmartLab Enhancement Price Quotation for Warren Area Elementary Center, as presented.

#### 3.10 Mind Research Institute ST Math Licenses K-5 Quote

Similar to SM, but uses ST Math, which was piloted this year.

**Discussion:** Ms. Mary Passinger has reservations. She would like more justification on the amount of funds required. Mrs. Amy Stewart said the funds come from Title and Access grants. These grants focus is on reading and math intervention. This intervention will replace the intervention that we are using now and will incorporate STEM.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the Mind Research Institute ST Math Licenses K-5 Quote, as presented.

#### 3.11 High School Science Pearson Quote

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the **High School Science Pearson Quote**, as presented.

#### 3.12 High School Science McGraw-Hill Quote

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the **High School Science McGraw-Hill Quote**, as presented.

#### 3.13 Title I Parent & Family Engagement Supply Quote

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the **Title I Parent & Family Engagement Supply Quote**, as presented.

#### 3.14 Biology Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Quote

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the **Biology Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Quote**, as presented.

#### 3.15 Organic Chemistry Plus Mastering Chemistry Pearson Quote

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the **Organic Chemistry Plus Mastering Chemistry Pearson Quote**, as presented.

#### 3.16 Safe Sitter Ouote

This item accompanies 3.17 and is part of the Family & Consumer Science 6 planned instruction. It is a two-week babysitting course for education reform. The teachers found this program and brought it to the attention of Administration. Training will be provided for the teachers first and then they will be able to train the students.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the **Safe Sitter Quote**, as presented.

#### 3.17 Family & Consumer Sciences Grade 6 Planned Instruction

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the **Family & Consumer Sciences Grade 6 Planned Instruction**, as presented.

#### 3.18 Middle Level English Language Arts Electives Planned Instruction

New course in relation to education reform.

**Discussion:** Mrs. Mary Passinger found a discrepancy in Science Fiction Fantasy. This will be rectified and presented at the May Board meeting.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves Middle Level English Language Arts Electives Planned Instruction, as presented.

#### 3.19 High School Science Planned Instruction

The planned instruction courses are revised, and is in the cycle for curriculum writing.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the **High School Science Planned Instruction**, as presented.

#### 3.20 Computer 3, 4 and 5 Planned Instruction

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the Computer 3, 4 and 5 Planned Instruction, as presented.

#### 3.21 Edulink Comply Agreement

This agreement will run in conjunction with the current contractor agreement with EduLink for teacher evaluations. This will be an additional piece to be a repository for all district employees for their clearances.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the **Edulink Comply Agreement**, as presented.

#### 3.22 GRANT: Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) Grant

This grant provides transportation for teacher who express interest in taking a field trip to the TREC center. One or two teachers have shown interest. The grant is \$500 total per trip.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on May 14, 2018.

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Motion: That the Board of Education approves the **GRANT: Tom Ridge** Environmental Center (TREC) Grant, as presented.

Meeting recessed for executive session at 6:19 PM. Meeting reconvened at 6:42 PM.

#### 4. Informational Items

#### 4.1 Class Rank

The Board requested to put Class Rank back onto the CIT agenda, as not all Board Members were present at the last meeting to have effective dialogue in relation to the concept of Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Historian. Data and other items were present to the Board in relation to the reasons for keeping class rank and for reasons to eliminate class rank.

Mr. Joseph Colosimo asked the reasoning as to why the concept of class rank and recognition of Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Historian was still in policy, as research has shown that all but one other school in the Northwest Tri-County IU5 has/or is in the process of eliminating class rank.

Mrs. Amy Stewart explained that it is understandable there are no external factor in relation to keeping class rank. The Board needs to decide if it is important internally to keep class rank within the district.

Mr. Arthur Stewart explained the motivational factor and asked the reason why class rank should be removed.

Discussion took place and Mr. Joseph Colosimo asked other Board members if the item should advance onto the Board level regarding removal of class rank. Class rank ended at the committee level.

#### 4.2 Mathematics

Mr. Eric Mineweaser presented the Board data that showed the sequencing of courses taken by Algebra I-CP students for the Classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018. Mr. Mineweaser explained by viewing the data, Board members could see the low percentages of students staying on sequence and getting to the Calculus level. He explained the reasoning for taking Algebra at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level is in order for them to reach the Calculus level in high school. He explained this was the reasoning for elimination of Algebra I-CP at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level and the fact that students were having difficulty obtaining their third mathematics credit after entering high school. A concerned teacher expressed her thoughts on the elimination of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Mathematics. Discussion took place regarding the reasons of elimination of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Mathematics 6 and Algebra I-CP in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

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Mr. Joseph Colosimo stated we will monitor the Advanced Mathematics 6 situation in the future.

#### 5. Other

Information: 5.1 Other

Mike Zamborik shared that the WCCC was recognized in the Valley Voice. Mr. Zamborik also gave information to Mr. Jim Evers for Machine Technology at the WCCC.

- 6. Closing Activities
- 6.1 Next Meeting Date Tuesday, May 29, 2018 following PACCA
- 6.2 Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.