

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 26, 2020

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Joseph Colosimo, Committee Chairperson
Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman, Committee Member
Mrs. Mary Passinger, Committee Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

All Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jeff Labesky
Mr. Kevin Lindvay
Mr. Paul Mangione
Mrs. Marcy Morgan
Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Mrs. Amy Stewart
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht
Mr. Gary Weber
Mr. Jim Grosch
Ms. Lynn Shultz
Dr. Patty Hawley
Mr. Eric Mineweaser

Mr. Rick Gignac
Mr. Matt Jones
Mr. Mike Kiehl
Mr. Jim Hazelett
Ms. Ruth Huck
Ms. Louis Tharp
Ms. Ericka Alm
Mr. Glenn Smith
Mr. Jeff Flickner
Ms. Amy Beers
Ms. Misty Weber

Approx. # of Public Present – 38

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Colosimo, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment – None

2. Old Business

2.1 Other – None

3. New Business

3.1 St. Bonaventure University Dual Enrollment Agreement 2020-2021 – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on June 8, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **St. Bonaventure University Dual Enrollment 2020-2021**, as presented.

3.2 University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Dual Enrollment Agreement 2020-2021 – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Our teachers teach the courses through this agreement within our classrooms.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on June 8, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Dual Enrollment Agreement 2020-2021**, as presented.

3.3 Social Studies Planned Instruction Revisions – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

The courses have been revised for the 20-21 school year. The course alignment reflects changes to the scope and sequence of social studies and provides the district the opportunity to provide the citizenship exam at grade levels 8, 9, and 12.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on June 8, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Social Studies Planned Instruction Revisions**, as presented.

3.4 STEM 9 Planned Instruction – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

STEM 9 is a new course that will give students a choice between computer technology and STEM. It is an introductory course prior to the STEM Academy. If approved, a revision to Policy 9734 will be needed adding STEM in as an option for computer technology and STEM.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on June 8, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **STEM 9 Planned Instruction**, as presented.

3.5 Agilix Labs, Inc. (Learning Management System) Annual License Fee – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This is the Learning Management System for Virtual Academy 2020-2021 school year and needs renewed each year.

Discussion: There was no discussion

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting agenda on May 26, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Agilix Labs, Inc. (Learning Management System) Annual License Fee**, as presented.

3.6 eDynamic Learning Purchase Agreement – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This is an agreement for career elective pathways for our Virtual Academy.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on May 26, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **eDynamic Learning Purchase Agreement**, as presented.

3.7 Accelerate Education Incorporated License Agreement – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This agreement provides the main virtual core classes for K-12 for the 2020-2021 school year. If all students move online due to COVID-19, there will be additional charges.

Discussion: Mrs. Passinger inquired as to how we know the students in the virtual classes are completing the work. Mrs. Weber stated there are teachers who monitor, connect, and assess student progress.

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on May 26, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Accelerate Education Incorporated License Agreement**, as presented.

3.8 Pointful Education Digital Curriculum and Services Quote – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This is a virtual agreement for STEM, and College and Career Readiness for the 2020-2021 school year.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on May 26, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Pointful Education Digital Curriculum and Services Quote**, as presented.

3.9 Carone Learning Master Course License Agreement – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This is a virtual agreement for Physical Education and Health in Grades K-5 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on May 26, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Carone Learning Master Course License Agreement**, as presented.

3.10 Northern Pennsylvania Regional College Dual Enrollment Agreement – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This is for the 2020-2021 school year.

Discussion: A board member asked if the credits for dual enrollment classes are universal. Mr. Mineweaser stated that students are told they should contact the college before they take a course to make sure any credits are transferable.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on June 8, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Northern Pennsylvania Regional College Dual Enrollment Agreement**, as presented.

3.11 2020-2021 Agreement for Provision of Special Education and Related Services (FASD & WCSD) – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This agreement is with the Forest Area School District to continue providing education services to the Warren County School District.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on May 26, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **2020-2021 Agreement for Provision of Special Education and Related Services (FASD & WCSD)**, as presented.

3.12 Settlement Agreement #23 (2020-2021 school year) – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This is a revised agreement correcting the age of a student.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on May 26, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Settlement Agreement #23 (2020-2021 school year)**, as presented.

4. Informational Items

4.1 COVID-19 Student/Staff Trauma Report

Dr. Hawley gave an overview on mental health services provided throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has caused an increase of negative anxiety and stress for all of us. The district is continuing to provide school based behavioral health services and collaborating with school providers. The Warren County School District Education Continuity Plan includes the related service of school based behavioral health. We have been providing wellness checks, consultative support, direct services and parent trainings through digital media and paper resources. The trainings have proved valuable to participating parents in the county. Employees have access to services through the Employee Assistance Program. This is a confidential service paid for by the District. Services offered to employees include free assessments, short-term counseling, referrals, and follow-up services to help them with family, work, and personal stressors.

4.2 Flexible Instruction Days

Mrs. Stewart reported that the district is applying for flexible instruction days, which gives the district the ability to work with snow days more effectively. Because there are a host of services that we owe kids, if we are off on a snow day, prior to COVID-19, the district was not geared up to provide equitable services. Because of COVID-19, we are providing equitable services and can take advantage of Flexible Instruction days. The application is due on September 1st and they would let us know by November 1st.

4.3 Summer School 2020

Virtual Academy, for the past several years, has run our Summer School. We have students who participate in summer school to get ahead. Typically, we would charge a student for the course. We have students who take summer school courses for credit recovery. We also have students who want to take courses because of COVID-19, who feel they are not ready for a course. Typically, there is a higher success rate if students pay tuition. The Board has suggested there should not be a cost for summer school due to COVID-19. Administration is suggesting the district charge students who are failing and the students who wish to accelerate. No charges will apply if a student needs a course to fill a gap, due to COVID-19, before entering the next grade. Mr. Stewart made a motion to clarify the discussion that if a currently enrolled student was passing at the time that school terminated, there is no charge. All teachers are being trained on Virtual Academy so we, as a district, are prepared if school does not open in the fall.

In preparation of fall, Administration is requesting feedback from all teachers to identify gaps in instruction, due to COVID-19.

4.4 Other

5. Other

5.1 Other

Mr. Colosimo made a motion to forward the Informational items to the Board meeting under the consent agenda. He is asking Administration to look at how we can utilize staff to teach research via technology. Virtual Academy will embed links to Zoom, TEAMS, and Class Dojo.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, June 29, 2020 – Following PACCA

6.2 Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.