

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 26, 2020

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

All Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jeffrey 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
Dr. Patty Hawley

Mrs. Lynn Shultz
Mr. Eric Mineweaser
Mrs. Ruth Huck
Mr. Rick Gignac
Mr. Matt Jones
Mr. Randy Bussell
Mr. Brian Ferry (WTO)
Ms. Jessica Fortner
Mr. Glenn Smith

Approx. # of Public Present - 1

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Colosimo, called the meeting to order at 6:24 PM

1.2 Public Comment – None

2. Old Business

2.1 Other – None

3. New Business

3.1 PowerSchool License and Subscription Renewal – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This is the annual renewal for our student information system.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the PowerSchool License and Subscription Renewals in the amount of \$172,188.01, as presented.

3.2 2020-2021 Warren County Career Center General Advisory Committee and Occupational Advisory Committee List – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2020-2021 Warren County Career Center General Advisory Committee and Occupational Advisory Committee List, as presented.

3.3 2020-2023 Warren County School District Comprehensive Plan – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Due to COVID-19, we requested a couple of extensions. The plan is due in December. There will be a 28-day public review before the Board can approve the final plan.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the proposed 2020-2023 revised Comprehensive Plan and authorizes the Administration to advertise the proposed Comprehensive Plan for a 28-day public review period beginning November 10, 2020. Provided there are no comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan, the Board of School Directors approves the plan, approves its submission to Pennsylvania Department of Education, and authorizes the President and Superintendent to execute the documents for submission.

3.4 2020-2021 WCSD School Counselor Guidance Plan K-12 Revision – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

The revisions include updates from the school counselors.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2020-2021 WCSD School Counselor Guidance Plan K-12 Revision, as presented.

3.5 Health 9 Planned Instruction Revision – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

The only revision added Hands-On CPR (Act 7) to the planned instruction.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

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

3.6 Art Planned Instruction Revisions – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

The revision to each course was the removal of the final exam.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

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

3.7 Memorandum of Understanding – Women’s Care Center of Warren

A representative from the Women’s Care Center of Warren will do live virtual lessons with our Health 9 students to discuss topics regarding teen pregnancies; character building; and what good relationships look like.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Women’s Care Center of Warren, as presented.

3.8 2018-2019 School-Based ACCESS Program Billing Agreement

This is a standard billing agreement that ACCESS reconciles actual versus payments to us two years prior for funding coming back to the District.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2018-2019 School-Based ACCESS Program Billing Agreement, as presented.

3.9 GRANT: Special Education COVID-19 Impact Mitigation Grant

The allocation for this grant is \$40,794. It will provide hotspots, laptops and other devices and services for special education students to access curriculum and services.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for funding through the Special Education COVID-19 Impact Mitigation Grant for \$40,794 to provide laptops and iPads for identified Ks well as the provision of WiFi hotspots and service plans for identified students in grades K-12.

3.10 GRANT: Title VIA – Rural and Low Income Schools

This is a federal grant, received through census data, for \$80,169, which the district proposes to fund one academic teacher coach.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

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 Schools Program to fund one (1) academic teacher coach position.

3.11 GRANT: Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees 2020-21

There are three awards of up to \$150 each that we have available to teachers in the district.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to assist interested WCSD staff with the completion and submission of a PASR grant, in support of allowable projects, for the 2020-21 school year.

3.12 GRANT: Annie's Grants for Gardens

Annie's is offering a grant competition to school to build edible gardens that will support food education and demonstrate to students how sustainable food is grown.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to help interested district staff in the development and submission of a Grants for Garden application for 2020-21.

3.13 GRANT: PARSS Teacher Grant 2020

This grant is available to classroom teachers from across the state. Applications can include areas of Dual Enrollment, AP classes, and Technology and the Arts programs.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 9, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to help interested staff complete and submit a PARSS grant in support of classroom teacher projects for the 2020-21 school year.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Other – Administration is going to bring Policy 9734 back to the Board for November. It is in relation to credit requirements for the graduating class of 2019 and beyond. There have been many discussions with counselors and building administrators regarding college and career readiness mandate that is required of our students. A report must be submitted on all 5th, 8th, and 11th grade students on college and career readiness activities. Therefore, we would like to add a credit back into the class of 2022 and beyond. That one credit will reflect on the requirements of the college readiness activity. A first reading of the policy will be at the November Board meeting.

5. Other

5.1 Other - None

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, November 23, 2020 following PACCA

6.2 Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Edie Gardner, Secretary to Director
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee