

# CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 27, 2023

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Joseph Colosimo, Committee Chairperson  
Mrs. Marcy Morgan, Committee Member  
Mrs. Mary Passinger, Committee Member

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Cody Brown  
Mr. Jeffery Dougherty  
Mr. Kevin Lindvay  
Mr. Paul Mangione  
Mr. Arthur Stewart  
Mrs. Donna Zariczny  
Mrs. Amy Stewart  
Mr. Gary Weber  
Mr. Jim Grosch  
Dr. Patricia Mead  
Mr. Eric Mineweaser  
Mrs. Ruth Huck  
Mrs. Taylor Trisket  
Mr. Rick Gignac  
Mr. Matt Jones  
Mrs. Jennifer Dilks  
Mr. Mike Kiehl  
Mrs. Leslie Bloomgren  
Mr. David Undercoffer  
Mr. Brandon Deppen  
Mr. Brian Ferry  
Mr. Brian Hagberg  
Mrs. Liz Kent  
Mrs. Susan Nichols

Mr. Shawn Bedow  
Mrs. Amy Stimmell  
Mr. Adam VanOrd  
Mrs. Amy Beers  
Mr. Brian Reynolds  
Mrs. Betsy Sobkowski  
Mrs. Erika Alm  
Mr. Glenn Smith  
Mrs. Heather Stover  
Mr. Jason Markiewicz  
Mrs. Jennifer Hobbs  
Ms. Kim Yourchisin  
Mr. Joshua Vincent  
Mr. Jim Evers  
Mrs. Julia Murphy  
Mrs. Kylie Harris  
Mrs. Lisa Smith  
Mr. Mike Craddock  
Mrs. Misty Weber  
Mrs. Liz Kent  
Mrs. Nova Holeva  
Mrs. Paul Crider  
Mrs. Shelly Wagner  
Approx Public Present 90

## **1. Opening Activities**

### **1.1 Call to Order**

Committee Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Colosimo, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

### **1.2 Public Comment – None**

## **2. Old Business**

### **2.1 Other – None**

## **3. New Business**

### **3.1 Agreement to Purchase 2 Therapy Dogs – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

The Warren County School District Office of Pupil Services (OPS) is recommending that the district purchase two (2) additional therapy dogs for the PAWsitive Support program. The OPS has received an anonymous donation which will be managed through the Community Foundation of Warren County to purchase the two additional dogs and start-up expenses.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of two additional dogs pursuant to the district's existing agreement with New Hope Assistance Dogs, Ins., and at a cost of \$5,000.00 per dog.

### **3.2 STRIVE Program Workforce Curriculum Program purchase – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

This curriculum introduces career pathways to elementary students, career exploration for middle school students, adapted curriculum in Career Exploration, and job skills training.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the STRIVE Program Workforce Curriculum Program purchase, as presented.

### **3.3 McGraw Hill Connecting Math Curriculum purchase – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

Connecting Math Concepts combines facts, procedures, conceptual understanding, applications, and problem-solving skills to provide a comprehensive curriculum for Tier 1 and Tier 3 at-risk students in grades K-6.

**Discussion:** Mrs. Mary Passinger asked if this is new curriculum or if it is being changed out. Mrs. Leslie Bloomgren stated that this is new curriculum to support WCSD students with disabilities receiving special education services and supports.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the McGraw Hill Connecting Math Curriculum purchase, as presented.

### **3.4 McGraw Hill Reading Mastery Signature Edition Purchase – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

Reading Mastery Signature Edition is an efficacy-proven core comprehensive program. It gives teachers the flexibility to use reading, language arts, and literature together or separately, each strand can be targeted for use as an intervention program.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the McGraw Hill Reading Mastery Signature Edition purchase, as presented.

### **3.5 2023-2025 Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams LLP (“SSKW”) Legal Services Consultation Agreement – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP (“SSKW”) will provide the following services to the Warren County School District (“District”) during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years: Andrew E. Faust (“Faust”) or such other members of the SSKW attorney staff as are available and are acceptable to the District, will provide telephone and electronic mail advice and opinions concerning special education, ESSA compliance, student services, and student civil rights issues to the administrator or administrators designated by the District as the contact.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the 2023-2025 Sweet, Stevens, Katz, & Williams LLP (“SSKW”) Legal Services Consultation Agreement, as presented.

### **3.6 ESSA Foster Care WCSD and Children and Youth Services of Erie County, PA Transportation Plan (7/1/23 – 6/30/26) – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

The Every Student Achieves Act (ESSA) provides all children and youth in foster care with core protections for school stability and school access through a statutory vehicle that is separate from the McKinney-Vento Act, and that outlines clear, distinct and appropriate responsibilities for both the education and child welfare agencies. These amendments will remedy the significant challenges in implementing the McKinney-Vento Act for children and youth in foster care and build on the legislative foundation provided by the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the ESSA Foster Care WCSD and Children and Youth Services of Erie County, PA Transportation Plan, as presented.

**3.7 Raptor Technologies renewal Annual Raptor Emergency Management Full Suite – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

This is the Raptor Technologies Annual Renewal.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves Raptor Technologies renewal notice for Annual Raptor Emergency Management Full Suite, as presented.

**3.8 GovConnection sales quote 25461766.01 – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

This is a GovConnection quote for additional cameras in the kitchen areas.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves GovConnection sales quote 25461766.01 for Verkada cameras for the WCSD Kitchen areas, as presented.

**3.9 All Lines Technology Quote 003511 – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

This quote from All Lines Technology is for additional computers.

**Discussion:** Mrs. Mary Passinger asked that in the future the board reviews the budget for technology. Mr. Gary Weber wanted to clarify that this quote is for charging cords. Mr. Eric Mineweaser asked if she is referring to the online resources too. Mrs. Mary Passinger replied, yes, basically, what it costs us to keep the kids that are online in virtual and the level of technology that is needed.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves All Lines Technology Quote 003511 for Lenovo 65W AC Adapters, as presented.

**3.10 Incident IQ Renewal quote #30119 – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

This is the Incident IQ annual subscription renewal.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Incident IQ Subscription Renewal quote # 30119 from June 3, 2023, and ends on June 2, 2024, as presented.

**3.11 Apptegy Rooms Development Contract – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

Apptegy Rooms Development is a one-time development fee, and then follow up with an annual fee.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves Apptegy Rooms Development Contract with a one-time development fee of \$14,125.00 + \$17,000.00 annual from 6/17/23-6/17/2024, as presented.

**3.12 GovConnection Microsoft sales quote 25465251.01 – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

This is a quote for Microsoft licensing.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves GovConnection sales quote 25465251.01 for regularly occurring Microsoft Licensing renewal, as presented.

**3.13 Accelerate Agreement – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

Accelerate Agreement is the K-12 Core Curriculum for the virtual and outside districts.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Accelerate Agreement, in the amount of \$200,025.00, as presented.

**3.14 IXL Learning – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

IXL Learning is an online resource which the Pennsylvania Standards are aligned with. This was a pilot program that was successful, so a survey was created for the teachers, and it shows that they are very excited to continue with IXL Learning.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the IXL Learning Quote in the amount of \$96,235.00, as presented.

### **3.15 Allegheny Educational Systems, Inc. – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

The Technology Education Department will use these new laser engravers.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Allegheny Educational Systems, Inc. quote in the amount of \$95,137.25, as presented.

### **3.16 OnCourse – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

OnCourse will be used to house lesson planning, curriculum maps, assessment data from years past to future. This is a one-year purchase for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Discussion:** Mrs. Mary Passinger asked if there will be a hard copy of these documents. Mr. Eric Mineweaser answered it is all online as it is now.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on March 27, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of OnCourse Systems for Education in the amount of \$45,532.00, as presented.

### **3.17 Mobile Energy Learning Program – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo**

This agreement will allow the Mobile Energy Learning Program to be set up at Beaty Warren Middle School for two days to allow the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the Warren County School District the opportunity to learn by using these mobile units.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on March 27, 2023.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Mobile Energy Learning Program, as presented.

## **4. Informational Items**

### **4.1 2023 Office of Pupil Services Annual Report**

The purpose of annual report card is to establish a framework to demonstrate how the Office of Pupil Services will engage in thoughtful planning and implementation of the established 2023-2024 goals. This annual report includes an update on highlights from the 2022-2023 school year, the 2023-2024 goals, the Office of Pupil Services data, and special education data.

### **4.2 4<sup>th</sup> Annual KIN Fund Golf Tournament**

The KIN Fund at the Community Foundation of Warren County and the Warren County School District share a common vision to ensure vulnerable kids and families have access to items and the resources necessary to promote the well-being of children.

Since 2015 the KIN Community Fund has supported 966 children and their family members. An average of 19% of KIN Fund recipients are identified as families/students suffering from homelessness.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids In Need (KIN) Fund Golf Tournament is Sunday, July 30, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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Cable Hollow Golf Course  
405 Norberg Road  
Russell, PA 16345

### **4.3 Other**

Mr. Mineweaser brought up middle level STEM courses that are currently being offered in the WCSD and the inconsistencies of these courses across the buildings. The reasoning is due to staff turnover and teacher certifications. A team is analyzing these courses, as well as some other middle level courses to find the most appropriate approach while also ensuring the standards are being taught to the students.

## **5. Other**

### **5.1 Other**

Mr. Eric Mineweaser would like to congratulate the two Warren County School District students that have been selected to attend the PMEA All-State Band Festival this year. Anna Alcorn and Jesse Honsberger both attend Eisenhower Middle High School.

Mr. Eric Mineweaser would like to congratulate the two district connects teams that made the States Competition that will be held in Harrisburg. These teams are made up of a total of eight students that are in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **6. Closing Activities**

- 6.1** Next Meeting – Monday, April 24, 2023
- 6.2** Executive Session
- 6.3** Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Olsen, Secretary to Director  
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee