

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 24, 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
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. Lynn Shultz
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. Adam VanOrd
Mrs. Amy Beers
Mrs. Amy Stimmell
Mrs. Betsy Sobkowski
Mr. Brian Reynolds
Mr. Glenn Smith
Mrs. Heather Stover
Mr. Jason Markiewicz
Mrs. Jennifer Hobbs
Mr. James Evers
Mrs. Julia Murphy
Ms. Kim Yourchisin
Mrs. Kylie Harris
Mrs. Lisa Smith
Mrs. Liz Kent
Mrs. Misty Weber
Mrs. Paul Crider
Mr. Shawn Bedow
Mrs. Shelly Wagner
Mr. Brian Ferry
Mr. Brian Hagberg

There were approximately 69 members of the public present.

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Colosimo, called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment –

Lani Wenzel – Ms. Wenzel stated there are many issues with the dress code and how it is being handled. She does not think that it is being handled reasonably or appropriately. She would like to be able to wear the same length of shorts as mothers and teachers wear. She stated education is being disrupted, and they are being treated unfairly. The dress code needs to change. Shorts with the inseam specified are not available in stores. Students would like to be part of the conversation about a dress code that fits all different girls with all different bodies.

Sierra Craig – Ms. Craig would like the School Board to look at the dress code and how it is being implemented. There is a range of ages at Beaty-Warren Middle School and not all girls mature at the same rate. One girl may be able to wear shorts because her legs are skinny, but a girl with larger legs wearing the same thing will be told she cannot wear them. Times are different from when the original dress code was made up. If no private parts are shown, what is the problem? She would like the dress code revisited and updated.

Brooke Sherry – She stated the dress code needs to be updated. Stores do not market the shorts you are asking us to wear. She feels they will be bullied for wearing one pair of shorts over and over again because they cannot find shorts the length required. They have been taught not to judge a person by their appearance or by the clothes they wear but here we are being judged by our schools for the length of our shorts.

Hayden Schuler – The dress code says their shorts need to be mid-thigh, but she could not think of a single store that sells comfortable mid-thigh shorts and a girl with long legs has a lot more trouble finding shorts than a girl with short legs. It is not realistic because they are so hard to find. There are also families with low incomes who cannot afford to go out and buy their daughters new shorts every time they grow in order to meet the current dress code. The dress code unfairly targets women. The whole purpose of the dress code is so that boys do not get distracted by girls' bodies. What we wear should not be a distraction towards boys. So, you say it is ok for boys to stare at us and say inappropriate things, but it is not Ok for us to wear what we want and feel comfortable in and if we wear something that is seen as a distraction, we get punished. Maybe we should educate boys more on controlling their thoughts than telling girls what they can and cannot wear. Boys can wear muscle shirts, but if a girl shows up in a tank top, or shorts above her thigh, she gets told to change. The district needs to focus on things that are truly educationally distracting, like the lack of substitutes, where we spend periods of our day in an auditorium, kids disrupting the class and disrespecting teachers and the building being placed on numerous holds. What is educationally distracting about the shorts we are wearing?

Mrs. Stewart stated that she and the administration will be reviewing the dress code and putting out a survey to parents and students. The dress code was revisited at the beginning of this school year, and it is more permissive than it was in previous years.

Mr. Dougherty commended and thanked the girls for speaking well and being respectful.

2. Old Business

2.1 Other – None

3. New Business

3.1 EDU Ready 360 - Quote 23032102 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is Career Center software tying into their task grids to track their completions in the classroom.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the EDU Ready 360 - Quote 23032102, as presented.

3.2 Alertus License Renewal Quote 00145364 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is a license renewal for the software the district uses in the case there is an intruder in a building.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves Alertus License Renewal per quote 00145364, in the amount of \$4,950.00, as presented.

3.3 ST Math Annual Service/Renewal 2023-2024 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is an annual renewal of ST Math. It is an online math program the district uses for students in K-5. This is purchased through Title IV for the Beaty 5th grade students and Title I for the other grade levels. This program is unique in that it does not use words, so students who have difficulty reading are not hindered in learning math.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the ST Math Annual Service/Renewal for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

3.4 ESGI Annual Renewal for 2023-2024 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This program will be used by K-2 teachers to track students in literacy and math skills, and it provides specific feedback and practice for the students and letters for the parents to help the students at home. This is paid by Title I funds.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the ESGI Annual Renewal for 2023-2024, as presented.

3.5 St. Bonaventure University Dual Enrollment Agreement 2023-2024 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: It was asked if the district helps pay for the tuition costs. The district does not currently but has applied for a \$75,000 grant from PDE to help students. There has been no word yet if it has been awarded.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the St. Bonaventure University Dual Enrollment Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

3.6 Northern Pennsylvania Regional College Dual Enrollment 2023-2024 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College Dual Enrollment Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

3.7 Mercyhurst University Dual Enrollment Agreement 2023-2024 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: It was asked which of the dual enrollment programs are used more. Mr. Mineweaser can get that information. He stated the district's goal is to give students the most opportunities possible. Some of the classes are online. Pitt Bradford dual enrollment is provided in the classroom by district teachers.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Mercyhurst University Dual Enrollment Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

3.8 University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Dual Enrollment Agreement 2023-2024 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: No Discussion

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Dual Enrollment Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

3.9 Pencil Spaces Agreement - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is for the outside Virtual Academy where teachers can do whiteboarding with the students with live interaction. Teacher can do breakout rooms. There is professional development included. Teachers can see what the students are doing on the other end at all times.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Pencil Spaces Agreement, as presented.

3.10 Get More Math Subscription and Quote - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is for the Virtual Academy.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Get More Math Subscription and Quote, as presented.

3.11 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Agreement - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This will be implemented in the district's STEM Academy. This will involve drones along with curriculum for flying. It is a four-year curriculum area. This is a career pathway for students who may want to become pilots.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Agreement, as presented. The STEM teacher will be required to collect data and attend PD, to use the curriculum for WCSD students.

3.12 Amplify mClass Dibels Quote - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is for elementary benchmarking.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the DIBELS quote, as presented

3.13 Legends of Learning Quote - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is for the Virtual Academy 2023-2024.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Legends of Learning quote, as presented.

3.14 Agilix Labs, Inc. Quote - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is the learning management system for Virtual Students.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Agilix quote, as presented.

3.15 Carolina Biological - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is for middle level science material for 2023-2024 and is part of the 7-year textbook plan. It is on here now so that professional development can be set up for teachers.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Carolina Biological quote proposal, as presented

3.16 Final Third-Party Contractor Services for Title I Services with IU5

Discussion: This is an agreement for Title I students being served at St. Joseph School.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves a Final Agreement with Northwest Tri-County IU5 for Title I Services for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

3.17 Memorandum of Understanding with Head Start for 2023-2024 School Year

Discussion: This MOU is a Title I requirement for transitioning students from pre-K into Kindergarten and the steps taken by the district.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the Warren County School District and Head Start of Warren County for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

3.18 Application Participation Certification - IU5 ELECT Program

Discussion: This is an application for participation in the consortium to support the education of pregnant teens.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Application Participation Certification - IU5 ELECT Program, as presented.

3.19 PowerSchool Customization Purchase

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the PowerSchool Customization Purchase, as presented.

3.20 IXL Learning Subscription Purchase Quote 3627919-2023-001-4 / Rescinds Quote 3627919-2023-001-3 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: There was an incorrect date, and it is being resubmitted for approval.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the license subscription renewal from IXL Learning Quote #3627919-2023-001-4 in the amount of \$96,235.00 and rescinds approval for Quote #3627919-2023-001-3 in the amount of \$96,235.00 approved on April 10, 2023, as presented.

3.21 All Lines Technology Quote 003511 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Discussion: This is being resubmitted to include the PPEM number from the original quote.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors rescinds the approval of All Lines Technology quote dated March 31, 2023, approved on April 10, 2023, and approves the purchase from All Lines Technology per Quote 003511 for Lenovo 65W AC Adapters in the amount of \$37,000.00, dated April 30, 2023, as presented.

3.22 GRANT: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Discussion: This will provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the elementary students of the district.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit applications to the 2023-2024 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program on behalf of Sheffield Area Elementary School, Youngsville Elementary School, Eisenhower Elementary School, Warren Area Elementary Center, and Beaty Warren Middle School (5th/6th grades).

3.23 GRANT: Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant (WAEC)

Discussion: This is for a book vending machine program that rewards positive behaviors intervention supports. Students can earn tokens that are used in the vending machine for good behaviors.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of Directors instructs the district administration to submit an application to the Dollar General Literacy grant to assist Warren Area Elementary Center with the purchase of a book vending machine, to be integrated into the building's existing PBIS and reading efforts

3.24 GRANT: Temporary Assistance for Need Families Grant, 2023-2024

Discussion: This is used for the co-op program at the WCCC.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application for 2023-2024 TANF Youth Development Program funds to provide paid work experiences to eligible cooperative education students at the Warren County Career Center for the 2023-2024 school year.

3.25 GRANT: PAWSitive Support Program

Discussion: This will support the purchase of two dogs for the district and some of the expenses. The current dogs are located at Beaty-Warren Middle School and WAEC where the handlers visit other schools for part of their day including Sheffield and Beaty-Warren Middle

School. The new dogs will go to Eisenhower and Warren Area High School and they dogs can go to other schools when requested to do so.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit a grant request to the Community Foundation for Warren County for assistance with the purchase of two additional therapy dogs for Warren Area High School and the Eisenhower K-12 campus.

3.26 GRANT: Support for CNC Lathe Purchase at Warren County Career Center

Discussion: This is a request to the Community Foundation to purchase a CNC Lathe for its programs.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 8, 2023.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit a grant request to the Community Foundation for Warren County for assistance with the purchase of a new CNC Lathe to support programming at the Warren County Career Center.

Mr. Lindvay wanted to recognize and thank Mr. Jones for the amount of money these grants bring to supporting education; it is huge.

4. Informational Items

4.1 There were no informational items to present.

5. Other

5.1 There were no items for 'Other.'

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, May 22, 2023

6.2 Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee