

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 27, 2025

6:00 PM FOLLOWING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, BOARD ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Wortman, Committee Chairperson

Mrs. Tammi Holden, Committee Member

Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Committee Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kevin Lindvay

Mrs. Stephanie Snell

Mr. Jim Grosch

Mr. Mike Kiehl

Mrs. Lynn Shultz

Mrs. Jennifer Dilks

Mr. Adam VanOrd

Mr. Joshua Vincent

Mr. Paul Mangione

Mr. Gary Weber

Mr. Shawn Bedow

Dr. Patricia Hawley-Mead

Mrs. Taylor Trisket

Mr. David Undercoffer

Mrs. Amy Stimmell

Ms. Kim Yourchisin

Mrs. Mary Passinger

Mr. Eric Mineweaser

Mrs. Shelly Wagner

Mrs. Liz Kent

Mr. Rick Gignac

Mr. Brian Hagberg

Mrs. Kylie Harris

Approximately 83 members of the public were present.

1.0 Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment

Barb Lutton	Youngsville	Ms. Lutton from Youngsville asked questions regarding scheduling, courses being offered, staffing, and explained how hard it is for decision making. Mrs. Liz Kent spoke regarding the plan for scheduling, courses being offered, class size, and staffing. Mr. Gary Weber spoke regarding scheduling, open houses, transfers that involved athletics vs non athletics and students that attend the Warren County Career Center.
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2.0 Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

2.1 Other - None

3.0 New Business

3.1 Agreement BLBHS elementary Student Assistance Program (eSAP) (SSSC PCCD Grant #44872)

This is an extension of existing elementary Student Assistance Program (eSAP) services with Beacon Light Behavioral Health Services (BLBHS). The term of the extension is January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. This agreement will be paid for with a School Safety and Security (SSSC) Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant #44872.

The Pennsylvania SAP is a systematic team process used to mobilize school resources to remove barriers to learning. This program is designed to assist in identifying issues including alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and mental health issues which pose a barrier to a student's success. The primary goal of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) is to help students overcome these barriers so that they may achieve, advance, and remain in school. While SAP exist in other areas of the country, the structure and operation of the program in Pennsylvania is a unique expression of an integrated model serving the needs of Pennsylvanians.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Agreement BLBHS elementary Student Assistance Program (eSAP) (SSSC PCCD Grant #44872), as presented.

3.2 Agreement FSWC Art Therapy (SSSC PCCD Grant #44872)

Art therapy is a modality of mental health treatment that involves art making and relies heavily on nonverbal therapeutic processes and experiences, as well as those that are verbal. School clinical art therapists are master-level clinicians who have received training in both psychology and art (AATA, 2022); an educational/child development background is prerequisite. Art therapy can benefit a diverse population, and is useful for improving social-emotional learning, building prosocial knowledge and skills, increasing emotional and behavioral regulation, and decreasing overall emotional distress and maladaptive behaviors. The WCSD Clinical Art Therapist will integrate art therapy services into the educational environments within the school district.

Discussion: It was asked if students need to go to family services to partake or if the therapist comes into the schools. Dr. Patricia Hawley-Mead explained that the art therapist comes into all the schools and is on a rotating schedule.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Agreement FSWC Art Therapy (SSSC PCCD Grant #44872), as presented.

3.3 Grafton Ukeru Agreement and Purchase

Ukeru is a crisis management technique rooted in the belief that the use of physical restraints is unnecessary and unproductive. Ukeru believes that all intervention - educational and behavioral - should be built on an approach of comfort rather than control. Ukeru is hands off response to respond to crisis management of student behavior. Ukeru centers on a philosophy of comfort vs. control: (a) using a trauma-informed approach to create a supportive, caregiving environment sensitive to clients' past experiences of violence and victimization; (b) helps individuals thrive in the least restrictive environment consistent with achieving the best outcome; and (c) achieves the greatest impact with the least amount of disruption to an individual's routine.

The district prioritizes student safety, and this agreement provides staff with training to implement PBSP using a hands-free crisis intervention response vs a physical restraint. Ukeru will supplement Handle With Care.

The 2025 training dates are: March 25, 2025 & March 26, 2025

01-2834-000-00-00-173/360 (estimate \$4,870, based on number participants and level of training) & 01-2834-000-00-00-173/580 (estimate \$600, based on actual vendor costs less 50% which is shared with a participating community provider).

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of Directors approves the Grafton Ukeru Agreement and Purchase, as presented.

3.4 Agreement 2024-2025 IDEA-Section 619 Pass-Through Funds

The Agreement is for the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Part B, by the grantee, Northwest Tri-County IU5, and between the sub-grantee, Warren County School District. The effective period of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Funds shall be used to support kindergarten eligible children, 5 years of age receiving special education services through the WCSD.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Agreement 2024-2025 IDEA-Section 619 Pass-Through Funds, as presented.

3.5 Agreement 2024-2025 IDEA

The Agreement is for the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Part B, by the grantee, Northwest Tri-County IU5, and between the sub-grantee, Warren County School District. The effective period of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The execution of this agreement is contingent upon Pennsylvania Department of Education approval of the services outlined in the agreement through the IU's application for IDEA funding.

Discussion: Question regarding how many students this covers, and Dr. Patricia Hawley-Mead answered depending on the year but an average of around 900 students.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Agreement 2024-2025 IDEA, as presented.

3.6 Woodcock Johnson Assessment Purchase (Riverside Insights)

The Woodcock Johnson V (WJ V) is a comprehensive assessment available through Riverside Assessments, LLC dba Riverside Insights. The WJ V will no longer be available in print copy. As a result of the change, organizations/schools will have to purchase the digital version of the WJ V and will eliminate the purchase of print copies. This term of this purchase is unlimited subscription based on the district's student population (3,796) for one-year from the date of purchase.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Woodcock Johnson Assessment Purchase (Riverside Insights), as presented.

3.7 Agreement Beacon Light Academy 2024-2025

The Agreement 2024-2025 Beacon Light Behavioral Health Services Academy provides educational services outside of the home district for eligible students.

The increase in daily tuition rate is as follows:

Special education - there is no increase (2023/24 - \$346.61 and 2024/25 - \$346.61)

Life Skills - there is no increase (2023/24 - \$234.61 and 2024/25 - \$234.61)

Autism Classroom - there is no increase (2023/24 - \$348.18 and 2024/25 - \$348.18)

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Agreement Beacon Light Academy 2024-2025, as presented.

3.8 Agreement 2022-2023 School-Based Access Program (SBAP) Billing Reconciliation

District revenue received through regular interim SBAP Payments (see district detail) was used to calculate the percentage that was used to determine district share of IU costs and cost settlement.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Agreement 2022-2023 School-Based Access Program (SBAP) Billing Reconciliation, as presented.

3.9 ePlus - E-Rate Quote 23265027

ePlus is a purchase through the E-Rate which is a category 2 purchase that is a 5 year agreement. This will include services and warranty to provide switches here at Central Office. We will be receiving 85% reimbursement.

Discussion: Mr. Eric Mineweaser and Mr. Gary Weber explained that these are new switches, and they are replaced as they get to the end of the life cycle.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the ePlus E-Rate quote #23256027, as presented.

3.10 Vimeo - Enterprise Renewal - Quote 00050484

Vimeo is a renewal quote for Technology. This is a video sharing platform that allows the district to host and share multiple videos. It has a high-quality video playback and these videos are for parents in the community and also used for Professional Development.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves Vimeo Quote 00050484, as presented.

3.11 Generation Genius Online Subscription Renewal - CIT

The renewal for Generation Genius is presented for board consideration. Generation Genius provides math and science enrichment resources specifically designed to support gifted students. The cost of the renewal will be covered through the gifted budget. To proceed with the purchase, the board must formally approve the terms of service associated with this agreement.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Purchase and the associated Terms and Conditions with Generation Genius, as presented and authorizes their electronic acceptance.

3.12 AP Biology Planned Instruction - CIT

The College Board updated their AP Biology course, so we revised the WCSD AP Biology Planned Instruction accordingly.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the AP Biology Planned Instruction, as presented.

3.13 AP Chemistry Planned Instruction - CIT

The College Board updated their AP Chemistry course, so we revised the WCSD AP Chemistry Planned Instruction accordingly.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the AP Chemistry Planned Instruction, as presented.

3.14 AP Physics I Planned Instruction - CIT

The College Board updated their AP Physics course, so we revised the WCSD AP Physics Planned Instruction accordingly.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the AP Physics I Planned Instruction, as presented.

3.15 2025-2026 Proposed School Calendar

2025-2026 Proposed School Calendar was presented for approval.

Discussion: Considering that December 24th falls on a Wednesday it was asked if there was any consideration to ending on Friday, the 19th and having Monday, the 22nd and Tuesday, the 23rd. Mr. Gary Weber explained that it is taken into consideration and that it comes down to the start and finish for those dates in particular, and the contractual dates that we have to have off and also considering the end of school year dates that we traditionally stick to.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on February 10, 2025.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2025-2026 proposed school calendar, as presented.

4.0 Informational Items

4.1 Annual Report KIN Fund (2024-25 first semester)

Since 2015 the KIN Fund has committed over \$145,510 to support 1,148 individuals.

4.2 Annual Report 2025 PAWSitive Support

The PAWSitive Support Annual Report includes a summary of operations throughout 2024 (January 1 - December 31, 2024).

4.3 Positive Happenings

This monthly report highlights positive happenings in our schools and showcases learning in action across the district.

4.4 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is now live online. All children who will be 5 by July 1st should be registered asap.

4.5 Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC Cohort 12A Update

Mrs. Lynn Shultz and team has rewritten the Grant and has submitted it and is now waiting on the final approval. There are a few changes to the Grant this year which include running the program 5 days a week for 2 hours a day, transportation costs will need to be considered, along with additional discussion regarding staffing as some of the expenses are not able to be funded by the Grant.

4.6 Other

Mr. John Wortman thanked our administration and faculty for the hard work they put in to be able to offer so many essential services to our students and is grateful for that.

4.7 Other

Mr. Eric Mineweaser stated that the Technology Department has been working diligently on the disaster recovery plan and an agenda item may be coming to the next Board meeting regarding the cost of the purchase for disaster recovery.

5.0 Other

5.1 Other

6.0 Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting Date - Monday, February 24, 2025

6.2 Executive Session

There was no executive session.

6.3 Adjournment at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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