



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Central Office Conference Room  
October 14, 2014 5:30 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Chair – Richard Kaye  
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

Deborah Batchelor  
Don Hutchinson  
Beth Serughetti

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Several parents spoke before the CC meeting about their support for an overnight trip to DC and presented a petition with over 100 signatures in support of the trip.

**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) Special Services Program Review Update**

Deb Batchelor presented an update on the work done during the 13-14 school year to implement the recommendations from the Special Services Program Review. She will present these to the full Board at a future Board meeting. Two suggestions made were that 1) Special Services develop and track data related to the success of the implementation of the action steps in order to determine if the intent of the recommendations has been met and 2) to contact parents to let them know of the updated presentation to be made to be full Board.

**II. (●) RFP for Fine & Performing Arts Program Review**

The CC discussed the request for proposals that will be released later this month to solicit consultant(s) to conduct a program review of the K-12 Fine & Performing Arts program. It is anticipated that at the February Board meeting there will be a recommendation to award a contract to the consultant(s) and that the review process will begin in in the Spring.

**III. (●) QSAC Approval**

The CC reviewed the Instruction and Program section of the QSAC Statement of Assurances to be submitted to the NJDOE in November. The report indicates that we are in compliance with all applicable sections of the SOA.

**IV. (●) NJASK Data Review**

The CC reviewed the data from last year's NJASK tests. The data showed strong performance that far exceeded State performance and was comparable to similar districts. It was noted that the slight changes from grade level to grade level are consistent across the State, the District Factor Group and WWP. This suggests a fluctuation in the assessment design rather than an indication of varying performance for the district. This is the last year that this data will be reviewed as the assessment system transitions to the PARCC.

**V. (●) Independent Study – HS Program of Studies**

The CC reviewed the requirements for Independent study at the high school. It was recommended that the option for independent study be eliminated from the Program of Study for the 15-16 school year since there is a voluntary participation on the part of teachers and little accountability for students in the work done. Students can follow Option ii procedures to study courses not offered by the district.

**VI. (\*) Curriculum Revisions**

To recommend approval of the following revised curricula:

Spanish 3

Spanish 3 Honors

The CC recommends approval of the curricula. These curricula took a little longer for the teachers to finalize and be in publishable shape.

**VII. (\*) Community Education**

To recommend approval of the winter 2014-2015 Community Education Adult and Youth Programs.

The CC recommends approval of the programs.

**VIII. (\*) Renzulli Learning System**

To recommend approval of a one-year site-license, from November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015, with the Compass Learning Group to provide web-based differentiated instruction through the Renzulli Learning System for all K-3 buildings at a cost of \$18,000.

After reviewing the data from last year's use of the System and seeing a marked increase in its use by staff and students, the CC recommends approval of the site license.

**IX. (\*) Professional Development**

To recommend approval for The Newgrange School of Princeton, Inc., to provide one day of Wilson Foundations Level K/1 training for 10 special education teachers and 3 days of Wilson Reading System training for 25 special education teachers during October and November 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$8,800 for the four days.

The CC recommends approval of the PD training.

**X. (\*) Investing in Innovation Grant (i3)**

To authorize entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with New York University and the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District to participate in the U.S. Department of Education Investing in Innovations (i3) Reading Recovery Scale Up Grant Project for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$4,900. [Flemington-Raritan Regional School District will serve as lead agency].

To accept Investing in Innovation (i3) grant funds of \$1,500 from Flemington-Raritan School District to be used for expenses related to the new Reading Recovery teacher attending Reading Recovery training for the 2014-2015 school year.

The CC recommends approval of entering into the MOA.

**XI. (\*) No Child Left Behind Grant**

To recommend approval to amend the entitlement grant to \$701,037 for the Fiscal Year 2015 “No Child Left Behind Act” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA), originally submitted on August 26, 2014, to include prior year carryover as follows:

Title I	\$ 284,834
Title II Part A	\$ 109,769
Title III	\$ 103,358
Title III Immigrant	\$ 203,076

The CC recommends approval to amend the grant submission.

**XII. (\*) Travel**

4 Reading Recovery teachers to attend the Literacy for All conference in Providence Rhode Island November 2, 2014, through November 4, 2014 utilizing the remainder of their i3 grant funds. Costs are not to exceed the combination of the teacher’s i3 funds added to the contractual professional development amount.

11 Reading Recovery teachers to attend and receive travel reimbursement for regularly scheduled required Reading Recovery professional development meetings within the state of New Jersey during the 2014-2015 school year.

1 ESL/Bilingual teacher to attend the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL/NJBE) 2014 Fall Conference at Richard Stockton College on October 25, 2014, at a cost of \$65 plus mileage. [Paid through No Child Left Behind Title III Immigrant funds].

The CC recommends approval of the travel.

**XIII. (\*) Field Trips**

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

High School North

- a. Model Congress to Washington, D.C., from November 20, 2014, to November 23, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$450 per student.
- b. Model United Nations to Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, from November 20, 2014, to November 23, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- c. Junior Statesmen of America to Woodbridge, New Jersey, from November 22, 2014, to November 25, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.
- d. Model Congress to Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, from December 4, 2014, to December 7, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$350 per student.
- e. Model United Nations to University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from January 29, 2015, to February 1, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.

- f. Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from February 20, 2015, to February 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- g. Robotics Team to Flanders, New Jersey, from February 28, 2015, to March 1, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.
- h. Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 5, 2015, to March 9, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,275 per student.
- i. Model United Nations to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from March 19, 2015, to March 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$385 per student.
- j. Washington Seminar to Washington, D.C., from March 24, 2015, to March 28, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,100 per student.
- k. Model Congress to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from March 26, 2015, to March 29, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- l. Junior Statesmen of America to the Spring State Conference, Parsippany, New Jersey, from April 11, 2015, to April 12, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$120 per student.
- m. Model United Nations to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from April 16, 2015, to April 19, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$385 per student.
- n. Music Department to Venice, Italy from March 28, 2016, to April 5, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,500 per student.

#### High School South

- o. Model United Nations to Princeton University MUN Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, from November 20, 2014, to November 23, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- p. Junior Statesmen of America to Woodbridge, New Jersey, from November 22, 2014, to November 23, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.
- q. Model United Nations to Rutgers University MUN Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from December 4, 2014, to December 7, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- r. Model United Nations to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from January 29, 2015, to February 1, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- s. Model United Nations to Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., from February 12, 2015, to February 15, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.

- t. Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from February 20, 2015, to February 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- u. Washington Seminar to Washington, D.C., from March 10, 2015, to March 14, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$775 per student.
- v. Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 12, 2015, to March 16, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,275 per student.
- w. Model United Nations to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from March 19, 2015, to March 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- x. Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from April 11, 2015, to April 12, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.

#### Athletics

- y. High School North Girl's Lacrosse team to Williamsburg, Virginia, from March 19 to March 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$325 per student.
- z. High School South Varsity Baseball to Spring Training in Ft. Pierce, Florida, from April 6, 2015, to April 12, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,400 per student.
- aa. High School North Spring Track & Field to NJSIAA Group State Meet in Egg Harbor, New Jersey from May 29, 2015, to May 30, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$100 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

#### **XIV. (\*) January Curriculum Committee Meeting date**

To place on the board calendar January 20, 2015 at 5:30pm as a tentative date for the first 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting.

The CC recommends approval of the proposed date.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2014 5:30pm**

#### Future Topics

Program of Studies

Program Review Updates

1:1 Learning Initiative