



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office Conference Room
May 4, 2015 6:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Dana Krug – Chair
Isaac Cheng
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Rick Cave

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Technology Initiatives update

The Curriculum Committee reviewed both the 1:1 Initiative in 5th & 6th grades as well as the BYOD pilot in AS II classes at the high school. The Technology Committee had surveyed teachers, students and parents about how the 1:1 implementation is going to date. While the sample size was small for all three groups, all groups were positive in their assessment of the program. About 25% of parents expressed concerns about the program related to use and control of the devices at home. Another issue that did arise has to do with the purchasing of insurance and the warranty on these devices. The district will continue to refine our procedures with this in order to find a solution that meets all the needs of the various constituencies. The BYOD pilot at the high school shows that teachers responded positively to having students with devices in their classes. The majority of students have not brought their own device and are using the district provided Chromebooks. The Technology will continue to meet this year to develop plans for the continual development of the 1:1 Learning Initiative. We will focus on:

- Continuing refinement of PD for teachers
- Continuing parental education, specifically focusing on having the devices at home
- Determination of how the 1:1 Learning Initiative program will articulate to the high school

II. (●) 2015-2016 Professional Development and Curriculum Hours

Necessary hours for professional development, testing, and curriculum articulation will be posted in May and appointments will be placed on future personnel agendas.

III. (●) Travel Approval

To recommend approval for the following teacher travel based on the results of the May regional competitions. Actual approvals will appear on the May 26 agenda:

- a) To allow the Middle School and High School students to attend National History Day at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, by supporting up to 4 teachers to attend as advisors from June 13, 2015 through June 18, 2015. The cost is not to exceed \$800 per teacher.
- b) To support up to 3 advisors to accompany the Middle School and High School students to the Future Problem Solvers National Competition at the Iowa State University in Ames,

Iowa, from June 10, 2015 through June 14, 2015. The cost of the trip is not to exceed \$1,200 per teacher.

The CC recommends approval of the travel.

IV. (*) Summer Reading Lists

To recommend approval of the required 2015 Summer Reading lists for middle and high school students. The lists will be posted on the district web site for the May 26, 2015 board meeting.

The CC recommends approval of the reading lists.

V. (*) New Textbook Adoption

1. To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the course Geometry: Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt's Big Ideas in Geometry, by Larson and Boswell. The cost of the purchase is approximately \$100 per text and \$34,000 total.
2. To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the course Geometry Honors: Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt's Geometry by Kanold and Larson. The cost of the purchase is approximately \$115 per text and \$51,750 total.

The CC recommends approval of the textbooks.

VI. (*) Technology

- a) To approve a one-year agreement with mylessonplanner.com to provide, support, hosting and maintenance of mylessonplanner.com, a web-based lesson planning technology for the entire district, from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, at a cost of \$19,950. No change in pricing.
- b) To approve a one-year agreement with Intrafinity to provide SharpSchool Web Hosting Services for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$5,562.00. This is a 3.1% increase over the prior year.
- c) To approve a one-year agreement with Teachscape to provide end-user licensing for Danielson Framework evaluation training and certification for 20 district administrators, from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, for a total cost of \$7,780. No change in pricing.

The CC recommends approval of the agreements.

VII. (*) Startalk Grant Hindi Summer Program

To approve the following consultants for services provided in relation to, and funded by, the 2015-16 Startalk Hindi/Urdu Summer Program:

Rajni Bhargava – Co-Director

Nusrat Sohail – Co-Director

Rosanne Zeppieri - Lead Instructor

The CC recommends approval of the consultants for the STARTALK program.

VIII. (*) Cable TV Interlocal Services

1. To authorize the third-year of a five-year Shared Services Agreement between West Windsor Township and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for cable television originally approved May 14, 2013.
2. To authorize the third year of a five-year Interlocal Services Agreement between Plainsboro Township and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for cable television originally approved May 14, 2013.

The CC recommends approval of the agreements.

IX. (*) Middlesex County Regional Educations Services Commission Non-public services

To authorize entering into a five-year agreement with Middlesex County Regional Education Services Commission for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020, to provide administration of non-public grant funds for non-public school students within the district in accordance with the State Board of Education guidelines as required:

- a) 192/193 services for non-public instructional services to non-public school students within the district in accordance with the State Board of Education guidelines under Public Law 1977, Chapters 192/193 (N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 to 17 and N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.1 to 19.9).
- b) Non-public nursing services in accordance with the New Jersey Nonpublic Nursing Law guidelines under Public Law 1991, Chapter 226.
- c) Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program, pursuant to the requirements of the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program
- d) Non-public Textbook services in accordance with the requirement of the New Jersey Textbook Law, NJSA 18A:58-37.1 et seq,
- e) Non-public Title III and Title III Immigrant funds administration, pursuant to the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

The CC recommends approval of the agreement.

X. (*) Professional Development

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- a) 2 district staff members to attend Confratute, sponsored by the Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, at the University of Connecticut from July 12, 2015, through July 17, 2015 at a cost of \$1,520, plus travel.
- b) 1 Technology teacher to attend AP Computer Science A at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, from June 29, 2015 through July 3, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$1,025.
- c) 2 Science teachers and one administrator to attend the BSCS Pilot Summer Institute at Rider University, Lawrenceville, New Jersey from July 20, 2015 through July 24, 2015 at a cost of \$250.
- d) 3 Science teachers to attend NGSS Workdays for Guided Curriculum Unit Writing professional development at Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey from July 27, 2015 through July 31, 5 at a cost not to exceed \$450 per person plus mileage.
- e) 1 Science teacher to attend CONNECT-ED: Making the NGSS connection to the Common Core at Rider University from July 13 through July 17, 2015 at a cost of \$325 per person.
- f) 1 Social Studies teacher to attend an AP European History Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey from July 13, 2015 through July 17, 2015, at a cost of \$1,025.
- g) 1 Social Studies teacher to attend an AP European History Institute at Middlesex County College, New Jersey from August 10, 2015 through August 14, 2015, at a cost of \$900.

- h) 1 Social Studies teacher to attend an AP U.S. History Institute at Middlesex County College, New Jersey from August 3, 2015 through August 7, 2015 at a cost not of \$900.
- i) 1 Mathematics teacher to attend AP Calculus BC at Middlesex County College, New Jersey, from August 10, 2015, through August 14, 2015 at a cost of \$900.

The CC recommends approval of the professional development opportunities.

Next Meeting Date: June 1, 2015

Future Topics

G&T Program Review

Teacher Evaluation Data