



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Board Office Conference Room
May 3, 2016 7:00 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Dana Krug – Chair
Anthony Fleres
Yingchao Zhang

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Andrea Bean

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) AMC Math Competition

Ms. Bean, the 6-12 Math Supervisor came and discussed the AMC Math Competition with the Curriculum Committee. AMC 8 is designed for middle school students, AMC 10 and 12 is designed for high school students. We will open the AMC 10 competition to 8th grade A&E students as well as Math Counts students in who are interested in a more difficult exam competition.

II. (●) Median Student Growth Percentiles (mSGPs) for 2014-2015

The CC reviewed the mSGP scores for the district's 4th – 8th grade Language Arts and Math teachers. The CC discussed the processes for teacher evaluation.

III. (●) 2014-2015 New Jersey School Performance Reports

The CC reviewed the 2014-15 NJ School Performance Reports for the district just released by the NJDOE. The reports contain many data points related to student performance on standardized assessments such as PARCC, ACT, AP, PSAT and SAT. As the testing report presented to the full Board in January indicated, the district continues to score well above state and national averages on these exams. The data also includes information about attendance, chronic absenteeism, student suspension rates, expulsions, instructional time, student to staff ratio and the high school graduation rates.

IV. (●) 2016-2017 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.

V. (*) Summer Reading Lists

To recommend approval of the required 2016 Summer Reading lists for middle and high school students. The lists will be posted on the district web site for the May 10, 2016 board meeting.

The CC recommends approval of the summer reading lists.

VI. (*) New Textbook Adoption

To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the course AP Psychology: Pearson's Psychology (AP Edition), by Ciccarelli and White. The cost of the purchase is approximately \$110 per text and \$31,500 total.

The CC recommends approval of the textbook adoption.

VII. (*) 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 24 agenda:

- 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 3 teachers to attend as advisors from June 12, 2016 through June 16, 2016. The cost is not to exceed \$800 per teacher.
- To support 3 advisors to accompany the Middle School and High School students to the Future Problem Solvers International Competition at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan, from June 1, 2016 through June 5, 2016. The cost of the trip is not to exceed \$1,000 per teacher.

The CC recommends approval of the travel.

VIII. (*) Cable TV Interlocal Services

- a) To authorize the fourth 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.
- b) To authorize the fourth 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 the second year of a five-year agreement with Middlesex County Regional Education Services Commission, to provide administration of non-public 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
 - f) Non-public Security Aid Program funds administration, pursuant to the requirements of the New Jersey Nonpublic Security Aid Program.
 - g) Nonpublic IDEA-B funds administration, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B (IDEA-B).
- The CC recommends approval of the agreement.

X. (* Nonpublic Technology Aid

To approve expenditures for the FY 2016 New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

The French American School	\$614.22
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The CC recommends approval of the expenditure.

XI. (* Technology

- a) To approve a one-year agreement with Reliance Communication, LLC. (formerly Intrafinity) to provide SharpSchool Web Hosting Services for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$5,562.00. No change in pricing.
- b) To approve a one-year agreement with Frontline Technology Group (formerly Teachscape) to provide end-user licensing for Danielson Framework evaluation training and certification for 16 district administrators, from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, for a total cost of \$4,800. No change in pricing.
- c) To approve a three-month 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, 2016 until September 30, 2016, at a cost of \$4,987.50. No change in pricing.
- d) To approve a one-year agreement with Exemplars Library to provide online resources for district-wide K-5 math instruction from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 at a cost of \$17,088.00.

The CC recommends approval of the agreements.

XII. (* Professional Development Consultant

To recommend approval for Berit Gordon to provide a one-day (6 hour) workshop on June 29, 2016 to High School Language Arts teachers regarding adolescent literacy and best practices in reading instruction at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.

The CC recommends approval of the consultant.

XIII. (* Professional Development

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- a) 3 high school guidance staff members to attend the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling (NJACAC) Annual Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey from June 6, 2016, through June 7, 2016 at a cost of \$225 per person, plus travel.

- b) 1 Social Studies teacher to attend AP US History Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from June 27, 2016, through June 30, 2016 at a cost of \$1,025 plus mileage.
- c) 3 science teachers and one administrator to participate in the Rider University Science Education and Literacy Center's (SELECT) NGSS assessment professional learning workshop series at Rider University, Lawrenceville, New Jersey for 4 sessions during the 2016-2017 school year at a total group cost of \$300, plus mileage.
- d) 6 district staff members to attend Confratute, sponsored by the Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, at the University of Connecticut from July 10, 2016, through July 15, 2016 at a cost of \$1,570, plus travel.
- e) 1 Math teacher to attend AP Calculus AB Summer Institute at Camden County College, Blackwood, New Jersey, from August 1, 2016, through August 4, 2016 at a cost of \$900 plus mileage.
- f) 1 Social Studies teachers to attend an AP Comparative Government & Politics Summer Institute at Cabrini College, Radnor, Pennsylvania, from July 25, 2016 through July 28, 2016, at a cost of \$1,390 plus travel. [Course not available at a New Jersey location].
- g) 1 Language Arts teacher to attend an AP English Literature and Composition Summer Institute at Camden County College, Blackwood, New Jersey from August 1, 2016 through August 4, 2016, at a cost of \$900 plus mileage.
- h) 1 Science teacher to attend an AP Chemistry Summer Institute at Middlesex County College, Edison, New Jersey from August 8, 2016 through August 11, 2016 at a cost \$900 plus mileage.

The CC recommends approval of the PD opportunities.

XIV. (*) Startalk Grant Hindi Summer Program

To approve the following consultants for services provided in relation to, and funded by, the 2016-17 Startalk Hindi/Urdu Summer Program:

Rajni Bhargava – Co-Director
 Nusrat Sohail – Co-Director
 Dolly Chaterjee, Mamta Puri, Rashmi Sudhir, Humeira Rahman, Nabeela Farooki, Farzana Haqqi – Instructors and Online Instructors
 Shanti Jain, Sangeeta Jain, Razia Hassan, Sabeeha Ahmad – Teaching Assistants and Online Instructors
 Parnika Puri, Harjrah Butt, Samin Butt – Junior Teaching Assistants
 Julie Myers – Coordinator
 Roseann Zeppieri, Ritu Jayakar – Consultant/PD Trainer
 Milind Ranade – Technology Expert

The CC recommends approval of the consultants.

XV. (*) Field Trips

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

- a) Community Middle School Math Counts State Delegates to the MATHCOUNTS National Competition, Washington, D.C., from May 7, 2016, to May 10, 2016. There is no cost for this trip, as all travel is provided by MATHCOUNTS.
- b) High School North and High School South Boys Golf to the North Jersey II Group 3 boys sectional golf tournament in Mahwah, New Jersey, from May 16, 2016, to May 17, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$140 per student.
- c) Community Middle School and High School North Science Olympiad to the University of Wisconsin, Stout Menomonie, Wisconsin, from May 18, 2016, to May 22, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: June 7, 2016

Future Topics

Fine and Performing Arts Program Review

Technology Strategic Plan