



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

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Dana Krug – Chair
Anthony Fleres
Yingchao Zhang

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Rick Cave

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Review of draft Three Year Technology Plan

The CC discussed the draft three-year plan to move the current 1:1 Learning Initiative forward in the 2017-18 school year for 9th grade students. This is the first class who will reach the high school after having been participants in the program throughout middle school. A Committee of teachers, administrators, parents and students met throughout this school year to draft this plan. It proposed a continuation of Chromebook purchases for high school students with a phase-in of one grade level per year. The costs will be reviewed at a future Finance Committee meeting and the full Board will consider the plan next school year.

II. (●) Potential Board Resolution on High School Graduation Requirements

The CC reviewed the Board Resolution on delaying the implementation of the currently proposed high school graduation requirements that appears on tonight's Board agenda. The CC recommends approval of the resolution.

III. (●) High School Class Rank

The CC began a discussion of the possibility of removing structures that rank high school students. The CC discussed several news articles in which districts across the State and country have begun to stop naming valedictorians and salutatorians. The CC will continue this discussion as it seeks further input from staff, the full Board, and the community in this discussion.

IV. (●) New Teacher Induction – June 20, 2016

First year teachers will convene for a day of reflection and goal setting for next school year on June 20th.

V. (●) Review Superintendent Merit Goals

The CC reviewed the goals and recommends submission to the County Superintendent for approval.

VI. (*) Administrator Contract - Merit Goal

To recommend certifying the following:

- a) To acknowledge that Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, has achieved his 2015-2016 qualitative merit goal criteria #1; and
- b) To authorize submission of the 2015-2016 goal attainment with appropriate documentation for review and approval by the executive county superintendent.

The CC recommends submission to the County Superintendent.

VII. (*) New Textbook Adoption

To recommend adoption of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's Big Ideas Math, by Larson and Boswell, for the course Math 8. The cost of the purchase is approximately \$89 per text and \$7,500 total.

The CC recommends approval of the textbook purchase.

VIII. (*) World Language Proficiency Testing

To recommend the use of American Council on the Teacher of Foreign Language's (ACTFL's) Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) assessment to determine appropriate placement for native speakers in World Language courses. Test costs not to exceed \$20 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the purchase of the assessment.

IX. (*) Non-public Technology

To recommend approval for expenditures of the FY 2016 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

Montessori Country Day School	\$1,032.05
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The CC recommends approval of the expenditure.

X. (*) Grants

To recommend submission of the entitlement grant of \$502,860 for the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) grant, which replaces the No Child Left Behind Act Consolidated Formula sub-grant, from the State of New Jersey, for the Fiscal Year 2017.

Title I Part A	\$292,408
Title II Part A	\$ 96,322
Title III	\$ 59,465
Title III Immigrant	\$ 54,665

The CC recommends submission of the grant.

XI. (*) Professional Development Consultant

To recommend approval for Innovative Designs for Education (IDE) to provide five new teacher training sessions on learner-active, technology-infused classrooms during the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost of \$10,205.

The CC recommends approval of IDE as a consultant for the 2016-17 school year.

XII. (*) Professional Development Travel Approval

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- a) 1 social studies teacher to attend AP European History Summer Institute at The Community School, Naples, Florida, from June 13, 2016, through June 16, 2016 at a cost of \$625. [No travel supported]
- b) 1 Title III Immigrant teacher to attend SIOP Training for Teachers Virtual Institute Online from June 28, 2016, through July 19, 2016, at a cost of \$300. [Paid through No Child Left Behind Title III Immigrant funds].
- c) 1 AP Statistics teacher to attend a Beyond AP Statistics workshop at Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, from June 28, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a cost \$325 plus mileage. [First \$300 of costs will be covered by the teacher's PD allowance].
- d) 1 AP English teacher to attend an AP English Language and Literature Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from July 5, 2016, through July 8, 2016, at a cost of \$1,025 plus mileage.
- e) 2 World Language teachers to attend an AP French Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from July 18, 2016, through July 21, 2016, at a cost of \$1,025 each plus mileage.
- f) 1 World Language teacher to attend an AP Spanish Language Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from July 18, 2016, through July 21, 2016, at a cost of \$1,025 plus mileage.

The CC recommends approval of the PD opportunities.

XIII. (*) Overnight Field Trips

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips

- a) High School South Cheerleading Squad to Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp, Greely, Pennsylvania, from August 17, 2016, to August 19, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.
- b) High School North Cheerleading Squad to Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp, Greely, Pennsylvania, from August 22, 2016, to August 25, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.
- c) High School North Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 2, 2017, to March 7, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,450 per student.
- d) High School South Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 9, 2017, to March 13, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,450 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: July 19, 2016

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

2018 HS South Band Tour - Germany