

#### Committee of the Whole

April 7, 2015

**Board Room** 

7:00 p.m.

#### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** 

Darryl L. Miler, Michael Landis, Scott Shaub, Millard Eppig, Timothy Quinn, Debra Wenger, Nelson Peters, Robin Felty, Ben Sahd, Todd Rucci, April Hershey, Nate Wertsch

Guests:

Laurie Knowles, Mark Leidich, Lori Zimmerman

#### 1. Grading and Assessment Guidelines Update

Dr. Felty provided an update on the new district Grading and Assessment Guidelines. The guidelines were developed over a two year process, known as Phase I and Phase II. Phase I was implemented during the 2013-2014 school year. Phase II will be implemented during the 2015-2016 school year. The guidelines were developed by a large committee of approximately 40 staff members, K-12. The core beliefs, goals, breakdown of subcommittees, philosophy, and process for development and implementation were shared.

#### 2. Board Policy Review

The following two policies were reviewed and discussed:

- a. #307 Student Teachers/Interns (Updates to policy)
- b. #609 Investment of District Funds (New policy)

### 3. Use of Student Images/Video

Dr. Hershey provided a review of the new Use of Student Images/ Video Guidelines. These guidelines apply to all employees and sub-contractors. Dr. Hershey shared the letter sent to all families in the Warwick School District outlining the guidelines and purpose for their development.

#### 4. Budget

Mr. Wertsch provided an overview of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2015-2016 school year. He shared longitudinal data with regard to expenses and revenue and budget vs. actual. Mr. Wertsch shared the impact of Healthcare, Special Education costs, and PSER's on the current budget. Mr. Wertsch also shared the possible impact of the Governor's proposed budget related to Basic Education Funding, Special Education Funding and Cyber Charter School Tuition.

#### 5. Other Relevant Items

Dr. Hershey shared that four possible law firms have expressed interest in our district solicitor position.

The committee adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Himes



# **Building and Property Committee**

**April 13, 2015** 

**Conference Room A** 

6:00 p.m.

# **Minutes**

No Meeting was held.

## **Education Committee**



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**Board Room** 

6:00 p.m.

1. Welcome – Mrs. Deb Wenger

Attendance: Jean Johns, Lisa Miller, Melanie Calender, Dr. Robin Felty, Deb Wenger, Nelson Peters, Stacie Bardell, Lisa Gleason, Dr. Jen Shettel, Priscilla Stoner

Comments on agenda items - none

- 2. Student Representative Report Miss Abigael Weit Unable to attend
- 3. Elementary (K-6) Art Curriculum Presentation Mrs. Kara Henke, Mrs. Jenna Yanchocik, and Mrs. Kelle Stork
  - State standards were utilized along with curriculum tie-in to English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Math.
  - Unit overviews were provided for all grade levels.
  - Students begin with the elements of the arts. They then move onto principles of design. Art history is incorporated into all units.
  - Common Assessments were developed as well as rubrics to grade these assessments.
  - Examples of the teacher resources were provided. There are no student texts.
- 4. Elementary (K-6) Physical Education Curriculum Presentation Ms. Rachel Hilt, Mr. Steve Berkey, and Mrs. Tamera Olivieri
  - PA Core Standards were reviewed.
  - Unit overviews were provided for all grade levels
  - Major shift in the curriculum included: providing essential baseline skills and knowledge to advance students into higher-level knowledge and skill performance.
  - Assessments include
    - Activity level/participation & safety
    - o Demonstration of skills & sportsmanship
    - Written assessments
- 5. High School (9-12) Social Studies Curriculum Presentation Mr. Nick DeRosa and Ms. Sherry Ruggiero

#### Three AP Courses were presented:

- United States History
- World History
- Civics & Government
  - Students are encouraged to take the AP exams although there is not a mandate to do so.
  - o Core courses must be completed prior to any of these electives.

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#### Additional Elective Courses presented:

- Contemporary Issues
  - Unit overview provided
  - o High student interest in this course due to topics and technology involved.
- Sociology
  - o Unit overview provided
- Practical Psychology
  - Unit overview provided
- Anthropology
  - Unit overview provided
- 6. Middle School and High School (7-12) Science Curriculum Presentation *Mrs. Katherine Remaley, Ms. Diana Griffiths, Mr. Jonathan Lind* 
  - Grades 7 Life Science
    - PA Core Standards reviewed for this course
    - Unit overview provided
    - o Microbiology Semester I
    - o Macrobiology Semester II
    - Cornerstone Assessments overview
    - o Possible need would include a PSSA aligned textbook
  - Grade 8 Physical Science
    - o Removed some of chemistry and added in more earth science
    - o PA Core Standards reviewed for this course
    - o Unit overview provided
    - Cornerstone Assessments overview
  - Biology/College Prep Biology/Honors Biology/Keystone Biology Modules A/B
    - o Flexible for module A/B dependent on need
    - o Biology in grade 7 & 9 aligned
    - o PA Core Standards reviewed for this course
    - Unit overview provided
    - o Evolution added and ecology was expanded based on standards
    - Cornerstone Assessments overview
  - AP Biology
    - Unit overview provided
    - Cornerstone Assessments overview
  - Honors Genetics Semester elective course
    - Unit overview provided
    - o PA Core Standards reviewed for this course
    - o Added epigenetics and medical technology, expanded biotechnology
  - Chemistry/College Prep Chemistry/Honors Chemistry
    - Unit overview provided
    - o PA Core Standards reviewed
    - o Science project is included in Honors Chemistry
    - o There was a change to chemistry to a more practical approach and eliminated the math requirement.
    - o Cornerstone Assessment overview for each course provided
  - Honors Organic Chemistry
    - Half-year semester long course
    - Overview provided to organic chemistry
    - o PA Core State Standards reviewed

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- Unit Overview provided
- Cornerstone Assessment overview
- Honors Chemistry II
  - o PA Core State Standards reviewed
  - Unit overview provided
  - o Semester (.5 credit)
  - Cornerstone Assessment overview provided
- Physics/College Prep Physics/Honor Physics
  - PA Core State Standards reviewed
  - Unit overview provided
  - o Shift include aligning physics curricula to the American Modeling Teachers Association
  - o Cornerstone Assessment overview provided
- Honors Physics II Semester Course
  - o PA Core State Standards reviewed
  - Unit Overview provided
  - o Shift include aligning physics curricula to the American Modeling Teachers Association
  - Cornerstone Assessment overview provided

#### New Earth Science Semester Courses Electives:

- \*Honors Astronomy
  - Unit Overview provided
- \*Honors Meteorology
  - Unit Overview provided
- \*Oceanography
  - Unit Overview provided
- \*Our Dynamic Earth
  - Unit Overview provided

\*Assessments have not been completed at this time.

7. Data Teaming – Mrs. Melanie Calender & Dr. Robin Felty

Elementary has not met since the last Education Committee

Middle School met on March 31 – Focused on third marking period failures and overall core scores along with interventions in place for these students. Homework Club started two years ago but has low attendance. Discussion occurred on how to better market this program. They brainstormed ways to increase communication with parents for struggling students along with pre-teaching vocabulary.

High School is scheduled to meet this Wednesday.

- 8. Other Items for Discussion?
- 9. Comments (time permitting)

The Committee posed questions about the mathematical prerequisites for the new earth science electives.

Respectfully Submitted, Stacie E. Bardell

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# Finance and Legal Committee

April 7, 2015

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

Present: Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Dr. April Hershey, Mr. Brian Black, Mr. C. Edward Browne, Mr. Michael Landis, Mr. Darryl Miller, Mr. Flip Steinour, Mr. Philip Shirk, Mr. Kevin Martzall, Mr. Mark Leidich, Miss Jennifer Murphy

Absent: Mr. Russel Dicks

- 1. Welcome and Public Comment none
- 2. 2015-16 Proposed Final Budget Mr. Wertsch reviewed the proposed final budget. He reviewed previous budget overviews from the 2011-2012 school year through the proposed budget for next year as a point of reference. Mr. Wertsch also reviewed the 2014-15 revenues in more detail to provide a perspective where the budget is ending for the current fiscal year as the district goes into the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Wertsch also reviewed the Tax Revenue Implications, Pennsylvania state funding and high-level revenue cause for change for the 2015-16 Proposed Final Budget. Mr. Wertsch then outlined a fiscal projection outlook for the district for the next few years in an effort to be mindful in district planning. The Finance and Legal committee supports the approval of the 2015-16 proposed final budget as presented.
- 3. IU13 2015-16 Budget Summary Mr. Wertsch reviewed the IU 13 2015-16 Budget Summary. This was a review of what was presented to the Warwick Board of Directors, and approved, at the March, 2015 Warwick School Board meeting.
- 4. Obsolete Equipment Mr. Wertsch reviewed the obsolete equipment list for March, 2015.

**Recommendation** - It is recommended that the Board approve the obsolete equipment for disposal as presented on the attachment.

5. Budget Transfers – Mr. Wertsch reviewed the budget transfers for the April 7, 2015 Finance and Legal meeting.

**Recommendation** - It is recommended that the Board approve the budget transfers as presented on the attachment.

6. Other Relevant Items – Dr. Hershey shared that district will be reviewing the applications that were submitted based on the legal services RFP notice that the district advertised.

#### 7. Board Recommendations Recap

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve the obsolete equipment for disposal as presented on the attachment.
- b. It is recommended that the Board approve the budget transfers as presented on the attachment.

Meeting adjourned: 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Jennifer Murphy

## **Student Activities Committee**



April 9, 2015 Board Room 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Todd Rucci, Ryan Landis, Ben Sahd, Robin Felty, Ryan Axe, Dave Emrhein, Lorrie Schonour, Marie Meeder, Dawn Rissmiller, Abigael Weit

1. Welcome – Mr. Todd Rucci

Comments on agenda items

2. Student Representative Report – Miss Abigael Weit

Science fair, Musical, and talent show WHS,

Elementary events were shared, many were listed

3. Graduation – Mr. Ryan Axe

June 9th, three practices including Saturday, May 30th

4. Prom Planning – Mr. Ryan Axe

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - @ the Marriot

5. ASAP (Action for Substance Abuse Prevention) – Mr. Ryan Axe

Very supportive community group, helping with Prom Promise and many other initiatives, many invested members

6. Science Fair Updates – Mr. Ryan Axe

65 participants

38 auxiliary awards won

4 honorable mention within divisions

5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> places in divisions

7 - 2<sup>nd</sup> places in divisions

9 - 1<sup>st</sup> places in divisions

Grand Champion!

7. Update on Planning for Post-Season Accommodations – Mr. Ryan Landis

Balance between fiscally responsibility and fairness for our athletes There was a discussion about the Post-season Accommodation Guidelines

8. Winter Recap – Mr. Ryan Landis

A lot of successful endeavors occurred over the winter. We will look to post this on the high school site.

- 9. Sunday Use Requests Dr. Robin Felty
  - a. Lancaster Evangelical Free Church to use the HS parking lot/grounds for Sunday in the Park held at Lititz Springs on June 7, 2015 from 1:00 5:00 p.m.
  - b. Grantham FC to use JB soccer field 20 for Over 50 Men's' Soccer from April 26, 2015 through June 7, 2015 from 4:00 5:30 p.m.
- 10. Out of State and Overnight Field Trip Requests Dr. Robin Felty

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- a. John Beck and John R. Bonfield elementary students and staff to Washington, DC on May 5, 2015. This trip is part of the sixth grade curriculum.
- 11. Other Items for Discussion?

Support for our current trainer Bike race in Lititz

12. Comments (time permitting)

Respectfully Submitted, Ryan Axe

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