

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, October 21, 2014
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Matthew Bilker

Board: Mr. A.J. Baker

Administration: Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Dr. Richard Slonaker, Ms. Sandra Schaal, Dr. Toni Himes, Dr. Jo Johnston

I. Call to Order

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Altieri led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

The September 16, 2014 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee along with the addendum.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Bompadre had Mr. Lee explain the Reading Wonders technical difficulties to the committee. There are many data centers throughout the country. There is a communication problem between Marple Newtown and McGraw-Hill. Mr. Lee has been working with the McGraw-Hill Technical Director and believes that the situation will be resolved.

Dr. Himes wanted the committee to know that instruction is still taking place. The technology is only 1 component of the Reading Wonders program and that there are multiple ways to deliver a lesson.

Dr. Bompadre requested that the check for the reading series be released to the company. The CIT committee will take the request to the full Board.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Data Review – PSSA’s & Keystones – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre shared a powerpoint about the state test results with the committee. Keystone exams include Algebra I, Literature, and Biology. The supervisors collaborated with high school and middle school staff to prepare the students for the Keystones.

High School initiatives also helped prepare students for the exams included:

- Remediation Courses for Biology
- Data Team Meetings
- Differentiated Instruction Training for Math/English – eventually all staff will be trained
- Exploring Benchmark testing along with using the CDT’s (Diagnostic)

Dr. Bompadre explained that the PSSA’s are given in grades 3 - 8 in Mathematics, Reading, Science and Writing.

Middle School initiatives included:

- Student Targeted Benchmarks & Diagnostic Assessments
- Conferencing with Students
- Power Teaching – Dr. Slonaker and Mrs. Lunn spoke about Power Teaching
- Writing Project
- Grade-wide Teaching Strategies

At the elementary level, the Science PSSA is only tested in Grade 4. In 2014-2015 the test will include PA Core Standards related questions. Initiatives at the elementary level included:

- Text complexity
- Analytical writing
- Text-dependent questioning
- On-line writing prompts
- Study Groups
- Use of the CDT’s
- Math Focus on Numbers and Operations
- Co-teaching for PSSA preparation
- Data Teams
- Targeted Strategy Groups

A snapshot of PVAAS (Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System) Data was provided by Dr. Bompadre. Dr. Slonaker provided background on the PVAAS Scoring Guidelines and Growth Index.

B. Graduation Policy – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee with copies of the current Graduation Policy and the revised Graduation Policy. She explained the changes that were made to the policy for the first reading.

VI. Motions

The following motions were moved along to the full Board.

- A. Motion to approve Mrs. Kristen Jimenez, teacher to attend the Basic Restorative Practices Training in Bethlehem, PA on November 10-13, 2014. The total cost to the district is \$988.50.
- B. Motion to approve Dr. Constance Bompadre, Assistant Superintendent to attend the Delaware County Curriculum Directors Summit in Ocean City, NJ on November 19-20, 2014. The total cost to the district is \$346.00
- C. Motion to approve Mrs. Karen Pantle, teacher and Mrs. Eileen Doyle, teacher to attend the PA State Science Conference (PSTA) in State College, PA on December 3-5, 2014. The total cost to the district is \$575.00.
- D. Motion to approve Mr. Arch Hunter, teacher to accompany High School students to the Gettysburg Battlefield, in Gettysburg, PA on December 5, 2014. The total cost per student is \$45.00. There is no cost to the district.
- E. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher to accompany the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Palmerton, PA on January 9, 2015. The total cost per student is \$50.00. There is no cost to the district.
- F. Motion to approve Ms. Jessica Buechele, teacher and Mr. Don Sloat to accompany the High School Robotics Team to Conrad Weiser Middle School in Robesonia, PA on January 10, 2015. The total cost to the district for this meet is \$100.00.
- G. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher to accompany the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to Mt. Snow Resort, in West Dover, VT on February 6-8, 2015. The total cost per pupil is \$350.00. There is no cost to the district.
- H. Motion to approve Mrs. Jill Gill, teacher to attend the Effective Inclusion for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder Workshop in Monroe Twp., NJ on February 20, 2015. The total cost to the district is \$100.00.
- I. Motion to approve Ms. Jessica Buechele, teacher and Mr. Don Sloat, teacher to accompany the High School Robotics Team to Millersville University in Millersville, PA on February 28, 2015. The total cost to the district for this meet is \$100.00.

- J. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Karpyn, teacher and Mrs. Linda Johnson to accompany the High School Speech and Debate Team to Susquehanna University, in Selinsgrove, PA on March 20-21, 2015.
- K. Motion to approve Mrs. Michele Lunn, teacher to accompany the PHMS 7th grade class to Pocono Environment Education Center (PEEC) in Dingman's Ferry, PA on May 7-9, 2015. The total cost per student is \$215.00. There is no cost to the district.
- L. Motion to approve Mrs. Jen Cipollone, counselor, Mr. Brian Isselmann, teacher and Ms. Tracy Jacobson, counselor to accompany the High School Renaissance Students to Morey's Pier in Wildwood, NJ on May 27, 2015. The total cost per pupil is \$50.00. There is no cost to the district.
- M. Motion to approve Mrs. Karen Siegel, teacher, Mr. Dean Vlahos, teacher and Mrs. Nancy Campo John, teacher to accompany the PHMS 8th grade class to Hershey Park in Hershey, PA on June 4, 2015. The total cost per pupil is \$58.00. There is no cost to the district.
- N. Motion to approve Mrs. Kerri Confora, teacher to accompany the PHMS French Class students to Montreal/Quebec, Canada on June 21-25, 2015. The total cost per pupil is between \$965.00 - \$1035.00. There is no cost to the district.
- O. Motion to approve the Psychology Club at the High School. The purpose of this club is to bring students together to learn about Psychology. The club advisor is Mr. Collin Hannan.
- P. Motion to approve the National Spanish Honor Society Club at the High School. The purpose of this club is to recognize the High School achievement in Spanish and to promote interest in Hispanic studies. The club advisor is Mr. Thomas DiMeo.
- Q. Motion to approve the lease of 97 HP Pro X2 devices for use in the High School and Elementary Schools. The lease payment will be \$20,626.49 a year for a term of five years.

Addendum:

- A. Motion to approve the possible change in a Board approved trip for Mr. Michael Massimo, Band Director, to accompany the MNHS Band to travel to Millersville, PA on November 8-9, 2014 for the Championship performance. The reason for the change is to approve the overnight stay if the performance would be held early morning on November 9th. If the performance is later in the day, then the trip would remain a day trip. The cost of the hotel would be paid by the students. The cost to the district for the transportation would be \$1200.00

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine