

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023

Mr. Matthew Parido called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mrs. Suzanne S. Knowles, Mrs. Kari A. Steinbacher; Mr. James H. Byrnes, and Mr. Andrew L. Welk; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Community Member, Mrs. Kristina Szoke.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Targeted Support and Improvement Designation – Lampeter-Strasburg High School

Dr. Godfrey shared that Lampeter-Strasburg High School was designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) School. Schools in which performance by one or more student groups is at or below state-established standards are designated as TSI. Lampeter-Strasburg High School was designated as a result of falling below state mandated levels for achievement and graduation rates for the subgroup of special education.

The state will publicly announce the lists of designated schools to the public on March 10, 2023. As a result of the designation, Lampeter-Strasburg High School will be required to develop a plan to address these specific areas. This plan will be approved by the L-S Board of Directors. Additional information will be shared when the plan is presented to the full Board of Directors for approval at a later date.

2. Policy and Administrative Regulation Updates: Homeschool Students

- a. 137 Home Education Programs (Update)
- b. 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students (Update)
- c. 137.2 Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students. (New)
- d. 137.3 Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students (New)

Dr. Godfrey shared as part of the Omnibus School Code Bill passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature 2022, all school districts are required to develop policies and administrative regulations to provide homeschool students access to cocurricular and academic courses, as well as the ability to participate in Career and Technical Education Programs. Dr. Godfrey shared proposed policies with the Committee and explained that Policies 137 and 137.1 are existing policies with minor revisions, and Policies 137.2 and 137.3 are new as mandated by the legislation. Dr. Godfrey answered questions and shared that these policies are on the agenda for the March 6, 2023, meeting of the L-S Board of Directors for a first reading. Following approval of first reading, the policies will be on the March Board Workshop agenda for discussion, and on the April Board of Directors meeting for a second reading (final approval).

3. Advanced Placement Economics

- a. Curriculum
- b. Textbook Approval- Krugman's Economics for the AP Course (BFW Publishers, 2023)

Dr. Godfrey presented curriculum and a proposed textbook for approval for the newly approved Advanced Placement Economics course at Lampeter-Strasburg High School. Dr. Godfrey shared that the curriculum included an additional course syllabus as required by College Board.

Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee. The Committee supported recommending the curriculum and textbook to the full Board of Directors for approval at the April 3, 2023, meeting.

4. Textbook Approval- Middle School English Language Arts

- a. StudySync, McGraw Hill Publishers, Grades 6, 7, and 8

Dr. Godfrey presented StudySync, by McGraw Hill Publishers to the Committee as the recommended textbook adoption for English Language Arts in grades six, seven, and eight. Dr. Godfrey reviewed the process

implemented to select the series and shared that the series was fully supported by administration, the middle school reading specialists, teachers, and the English Language Arts Instructional Coach.

Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee. The Committee supported recommending the textbook series and supporting novels to the full Board of Directors for approval at the April 3, 2023, meeting.

5. A Little Spot of... program at Lampeter Elementary

Dr. Godfrey shared that starting next year, Lampeter Elementary, aligned with their comprehensive planning goals, would like to begin using The Little Spot series of books and activities as a resource during morning meetings to help students learn about various emotions and feelings. Dr. Godfrey presented the resources to the Committee and shared that this is not a textbook or curriculum, but rather resources for teachers. He asked if the Committee wanted to present the resources to the full Board of Directors for approval, but Mr. Parido stated he believed that was not necessary given this is not a textbook or curriculum. The Committee was supportive of the resources.

Dr. Godfrey shared that Dr. Westphal, principal of Lampeter Elementary, would be providing the Board with an annual update at the March, 2023, Board Workshop Meeting and could answer any additional questions at that time.

6. Instructional Technology Contract with IU13 for Hybrid Learning (2023-2024)

Dr. Godfrey presented a contract for Professional Development Services with IU13 to support L-S staff through coaching and face-to-face professional learning sessions for the implementation of Hybrid and Personalized Learning in all buildings. The contract is for up to 25 days of service.

Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee. The Committee supported recommending the textbook series and supporting novels to the full Board of Directors for approval at the April 3, 2023, meeting.

7. Contract for Services – Harris School Solutions (EdInsight/EDoctrina)

Dr. Godfrey presented a contract for services with Harris School Solutions for software related to curriculum writing, student achievement data management, and assessment building/writing. Dr. Godfrey shared that we currently have software for these purposes, but now we will combine and use one company for all these purposes.

Dr. Godfrey answered questions from the Committee. The Committee supported recommending the agreement to the full Board of Directors for discussion/approval at the March 6, 2023, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.