

September 23, 2013

School Board Education Committee

Centennial Administration Building Board Room

Minutes

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Mrs. Schrader Lynch, Mrs. Betty Huf, Mr. Charles Kleinschmidt, Mr. Mark B. Miller

Board Members: Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Michael Hartline

Staff: Dr. Joyce Mundy, Mrs. Jennifer Polinchock, Mr. Phil Vinogradov, Mrs. Christine Matik, Mr. Dennis Best, Mrs. Paula Voshell, Mr. Brian Swank, Dr. Bucky Clark, Mrs. Keely Mahan

Community: Mr. Robert Shaffer, Mrs. Leigh Lieberman

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There was an introduction of all in attendance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 24, 2013 by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes.

21st Century Learning Lab Planetarium

Mr. Phil Vinogradov spoke about what is happening in the lab. He explained the use by elementary and secondary students and showed a calendar with the scheduling of events. He explained how a teacher would schedule a class in the lab. He hopes to be able to accommodate every elementary class that wants to come. For the middle schools, Mr. Vinogradov is working with Ms. Cathy Perkins from Klinger to develop a schedule to bring over 30 students at a time.

A calendar of events by month for the community was also presented. Mr. Vinogradov mentioned that there are outside groups, such as Boy Scouts, who want to use the lab. There are also groups who may want to come in during the day, so we would have to determine the fees for that. Mr. Miller mentioned that there are proposed rates for outside groups.

Mr. Shaffer asked about the science competitions. Mr. Vinogradov said an invitation would go out to science CRTs.

Bridges Virtual Education Services

Mr. Dennis Best said he is proposing a three year consultation agreement with Bridges to strengthen our program. There is a need for virtual courses taught by our teachers. Mrs. Huf had a question about how long this would take. Mr. Best said that Bridges teaches us how to set up our own program over three years. We should see some results at the end of this year. Our teachers will be trained and we will have access to other courses offered by the consortium. He also mentioned that we can bring back some of our students who are enrolled at other cyber schools and this would benefit us financially.

Mr. Miller wanted to know if it is the goal to replace what is being done now at CSSCA. Mr. Best said we will replace the Educere that we are using now with the Bridges courses. Mr. Hartline noted that the Intermediate Unit is very proud of the Bridges program and it has been successful. He stated it is the only cyber charter school in the state that made AYP.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller, to move the Bridges program to the full Board for approval. The motion passed, 3-0.

PSSA and Keystone Student Data

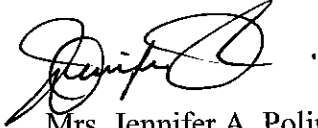
Mrs. Jennifer Polinchock, Director of Teaching and Learning, gave an overview of the data so far. In October she will provide more information about the various subgroups and the plans for remediation. It was noted that the reading scores are lower than the math scores.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch wanted to know why the reading scores are higher at one of the elementary schools. Mrs. Polinchock explained that it depends on each school's population and the percentage of ELL students and the percentage of IEP students. Mrs. Schrader Lynch wanted to know what we can do to improve reading PSSA scores at the elementary schools. Mrs. Polinchock noted that she and Christy Matik have been meeting with the curriculum resource team leaders to see if the programs we currently have need to be changed and/or updated.

Mr. Miller suggested that we re-do the last comprehensive plan that was developed. Dr. Mundy responded that we need to break apart the comprehensive plan with regard to student achievement.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. Polinchock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "P".

Mrs. Jennifer A. Polinchock
Director of Teaching and Learning