

June 23, 2014

School Board Education Committee

Centennial Administration Building Board Room

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

**Committee Members:** Mrs. Betty Huf, Mr. Mark B. Miller

**Staff:** Dr. Joyce Mundy, Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, Mrs. Christine Matik, Dr. Dennis Best, Mr. Michael Donnelly, Mrs. Keely Mahan, Mrs. Cathy Perkins, Mrs. Amy Campbell, Dr. Paula Voshell, Mrs. Tina Cornish, Mr. Anthony Quintangeli, Mr. Jeff Czekaj, Mr. Michael Johnson, Mr. Raymond Kase, Mr. David Mielziner

**Community:** Ms. Margaret Youne, Mr. Robert Shaffer

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. There was introduction of all in attendance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 28, 2014 by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Huf. The motion passed 2-0 to approve the minutes.

**Centennial Satellite School and Cyber Academy Update**

Dr. Dennis Best, Principal of William Tennent High School, presented information about the CSSCA program which included enrollment, attendance, academic progress, and perception data for the third marking period. The final year-end report will be available in the fall at the Education Committee meeting. CSSCA's purpose and mission is to service students in need of credit recovery and students identified as at-risk. Mrs. Huf thanked Dr. Best for the presentation and said Dr. Best has turned CSSCA around and getting to the students who need it. She said she likes what she sees and hears. Mr. Miller thanked Dr. Best and asked for a comparison with the next report from CSSCA. Dr. Best said there is a noticeable difference at CSSCA and credited Julia Henrich, Assistant Principal of William Tennent, who oversees CSSCA, Matt Tomlinson, School Counselor, and the teachers of CSSCA for working tirelessly with the students. He said they are the ones that have made the difference. Dr. Mundy stated that she and Dr. Best attended the closing luncheon, and it was wonderful to see so many families in attendance, and it was such a welcoming environment.

**Bernhardt Survey (Informational)**

Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented an overview of the Perception Survey that was administered last spring to all the faculty in each of the six

buildings. The perception surveys will be administered again in June-July 2014. The purpose of gathering this data was to begin to address issues that Centennial School District has faced under consolidation with building climate and culture. Dr. Polinchock explained how the results were used to identify areas for improvement in each school's culture and climate and to develop school mission and vision statements aligned to the District's statements. In Act 82, principals' competencies are measured in four domains. Dr. Polinchock explained that administration plans to administer these surveys on a yearly basis as part of the Communications section of the Comprehensive Plan. This data source will be used to develop on-going school improvement planning as well as serve as a measure of principals' effectiveness. The results from the second survey will be compared to the results from the first survey for change and growth.

Mr. Robert Shaffer asked if there was a cost to do this survey and how does it differ from the Comprehensive Plan. Dr. Polinchock responded that it was an approved cost to the District. Dr. Polinchock explained how perception data is used as one measure of the school's culture and climate, and these surveys provide a great deal of information to administration. Dr. Polinchock stated that Victoria Burnhardt has done a great deal of research in education and student achievement. Her company develops the surveys, collates and analyzes the data. In order to have a reliable instrument, it is not uncommon to contract out.

### **Business Computers and Information Technology software purchases (Action)**

Mrs. Tina Cornish, Log College Middle School BCIT teacher, and Mr. David Mielziner, Klinger Middle School BCIT teacher presented an overview of the GoVenture simulation program for two new courses in grade 8. Mrs. Cornish said they did quite a bit of testing of simulation programs. The GoVenture company allowed us to test for free. Mrs. Cornish shared the positive students' and parents' responses to the program.

Mrs. Huf asked if this is replacing a current course. Mrs. Cornish responded that there are two new courses called Consumer Media and Exploring Business and Job Skills. Aspects of the program can be used in both courses.

Mrs. Cornish said GoVenture has a highly visual, interactive, realistic, hands-on approach to learning. Students are introduced to accounting, finance, marketing, entrepreneurship, and explore different business related careers. Mrs. Cornish said the student feedback was extremely valuable. Mr. Mielziner said they have been doing simulations for the last several years, and that the feedback from students on GoVenture was almost 100% positive. The students surveyed found it was extremely valuable. Students were very engaged. It includes lessons on virtual business, accounting principles, business principles, gross profit, net profit, market indicators, market share, and customer service.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Huf, to move the request for the recommended simulation program to the full School Board for their approval. The motion passed, 2-0.

**Technology Education software and supplies purchases (Action)**

Mr. Jeff Czekaj, Log College Middle School Technology Education teacher, gave an overview of the STEM Course Software and kit purchase proposal. The software and kits would be for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. Czekaj said they looked at a variety of models and vendors. LJ Create has developed a teacher center approach. The program has hands-on instructional resources that incorporates teacher-driven instruction for the new STEM I and STEM II that will be offered in the middle school. In this program, the teacher is in front of the classroom presenting the data. This is Cloud-based and requires web access and minimal hardware installation. The software includes a series of instructional modules that provides instruction, simulation, and practice as well as instructional kits that can be manipulated by students in a team centered learning environment.

Mr. Miller said that he had an opportunity to watch a demonstration and the ability to experiment was interesting. Mrs. Huf said she was also impressed with the demonstration.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Huf, to move the request for the recommended LJCreate Software Program for grades 7 and 8 to the full School Board for their approval. The motion passed, 2-0.

**Database purchase (Action)**

Dr. Polinchock recommended the district adopts Illuminate by Illuminate Education, Inc. as the assessment data warehouse for the all student assessment data K-12. The Data Warehouse Committee looked at different districts and brought in different vendors.

Mr. Miller asked for the timing of the implementation. Dr. Polinchock said the implementation of Illuminate as the District's assessment data warehouse would begin in the fall. A Project Management Plan will be developed over the summer. The plan will be reviewed by the Superintendent and presented to the Education Committee in the fall of 2014. The plan will include specific action steps, individuals responsible for executing these steps, resources, timeline, and evidence of completion. Since the implementation of the assessment data warehouse is dependent on integration with Skyward and other impending enhancements to existing systems, the goal is to have the assessment data warehouse operational by November 2014.

Mr. Miller asked that we have a grand plan in place by October or November and Mrs. Huf supports this. Mrs. Huf said she was concerned about the consultation fee of \$2,500. Dr.

Polinchock said it is for consultants to come out and train with a goal to have turn- key trainers in the District.

Mr. Miller asked if this data is stored and portable. Mr. Kase said the data is housed off site, and he will look into how readily available the data is available to us.

Mr. Shafter asked if this was a secure site. Mr. Kase responded that this is a secure site.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Huf, to move the request for the recommended Illuminate to the full School Board for their approval. The motion passed, 2-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Jennifer A. Polinchock  
Director of Teaching and Learning