

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, September 15, 2015
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mr. Leonard Altieri and Mr. Matthew Bilker

Board: A.J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Catania

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee

I. Call to Order

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The August, 2015 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Summer Technology Update – *Mr. Chris Lee*

Paxon Hollow Technology – deployed 645 computers, 400 of those machines are dedicated for student use. In addition to the more advanced computers in the technology education program, these computers are specialized so that they can run the engineering software. The Board approved the purchase of a laser engraver and 3D printer. The equipment was installed and the teachers were trained on how to use the hardware and software.

Software Upgrades – Technology Department upgraded the teacher software, Smart Notebook and Active Inspire. These updates provide additional tools like digital content in subject areas specifically to math.

System-wide Enhancements – Technology Department streamlined the login process for students. Systems like Infinite Campus, Google and the Library software were integrated to the district network so that students and employees can use the same username and passwords that they use for their computer accounts.

Implementation of HP Classroom Manager – allows for management of carts and labs. Teachers can view what students are doing on the computer, as well as send out presentations so that they can be viewed on the computers.

All laptop carts and labs in the district have been refreshed.

B. Summer Workshops – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre shared with the committee the summer curriculum workshops that were held at the Administration Building. Workshops focused on curriculum revision, curriculum writing, elementary report card revision, and assessment revision. There were also technology workshops on Google Training.

C. Induction & Opening Week of School – Dr. Constance Bompadre

New Teacher Induction ran from August 24 -28, 2015. Dr. Bompadre and the supervisors thought that the session went quite well. The Induction Program is tweaked from time to time. Additional meetings have been added to the New Teacher Induction sessions held during the school year.

All staff met at their home schools on September 1 for building level responsibilities and classroom preparation. Staff came together at the high school on September 2 in the Choral Room for a Town Meeting. There were 3 separate assemblies. The entire cabinet was there for the presentation. All schools came together in the high school auditorium and were welcomed by Mr. Matthew Bilker, School Board Member. The Tiger Tones performed for the audience. The President of the MNEA announced the Teacher of the Year, Liz Mongan. An MNEA meeting followed. Staff went to their home school on September 3 for in-service activities.

As far as building level responsibilities, the high school worked on differentiated instruction for science and social studies, middle school worked on a comprehensive plan and all principals reviewed the School Safety Plan with their faculty.

VI. Motions

The following motions have been moved along to the full Board:

Policies:

- A.** Motion to approve the second reading of the Home Education Programs Policy #137.
- B.** Motion to approve the second reading of the Suicide Awareness Prevention and Response Policy #236.1.

Disposal of Textbooks:

- C. Motion to approve the disposal of 225 Spanish Level 2 textbooks, ISBN 0-618-25063-8, published by McDougall Littell, copyright date, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine