

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, May 17, 2016
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mrs. Barbara Harvey,
Mr. Matthew DeNucci

Board: Ms. Kathryn Chandless

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Mrs.
Lauren Hopkins, Dr. Greg Puckett, Dr. Gerald Rodichok

I. Call to Order

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The April, 2016 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee as presented.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. On-line Learning

1. Revolutionizing Education through Customization, Leading & Learning: What I learned from PASA Women's Annual Conference – *Mrs. Lauren Hopkins*

Mrs. Hopkins thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the conference.

Mrs. Hopkins attended several presentations. The first was **Online Learning to Blended Learning...My Journey** by Julie Young. The presenter spoke of the Internet and how it affects learning. Ms. Young mentioned several points.

- Adaptive learning – differentiated instruction
- Teacher training – program called Teach Live – good for beginning and/or struggling teachers and also for management strategies
- Holograms – life sized video programs
- Telemedicine trends – immediate contact with a doctor

- Future of learning – about the student

The second presentation was **A Leadership Journey through the Lens of Service** by Elizabeth King. Ms. King views leadership through a service perspective. She mentioned several points.

- Treat your employees like partners
- Treat your employees with honesty and integrity
- Address conflict immediately
- Build relationships

Mrs. Hopkins also attended a workshop on **Making the Shift**. A panel from the Lebanon School District spoke about how they began with a hybrid learning initiative. A pilot program began with 8 teachers and a ninth grade class. The teachers and students received iPads. All of the training and coaching for teachers was done up front. Schedule changes were made for the hybrid students and eventually the entire school went hybrid. Low cost Internet was available to students for home use. Administration said that approximately 2% of the iPads were reported broken. They also noticed a decrease in discipline problems.

Mrs. Hopkins spoke about a workshop on **Leveraging Distance Learning**. A Cyber School was added to the Hazelton Area School District. The program started with 25 students and is run by a Hazelton teacher, Ms. Michele Medek. The program is used for Alternative Education, scheduling conflicts and credit recovery. Students are trained on how to use the program. The program is marketed and an Open House is held. If the student is not performing, he or she must return to school.

A Plan for the Future – Dr. Gregory Puckett

Dr. Puckett told the committee that the high school has had great success with Bridges. Bridges offers great support and Mr. Jaspersen has good rapport with the company. He has asked Mr. Jaspersen to contact other providers, just to see what other options are available. Dr. Puckett would like to customize and have our own curriculum delivered to students. He would also like to evaluate our Alternative Education Program, as it may relate to online learning.

**B. Non-Discrimination – Transgender and Gender Expansive Students Policy #248.1 –
*Dr. Constance Bompadre***

Dr. Bompadre is requesting a first reading of Policy 248.1 for the end of the month. Marple Newtown would like all of our students to feel safe. Policy 248.1 will facilitate compliance with other district policies: discrimination, bullying and harassment. The district was in consultation with the district solicitor throughout the development of the policy.

C. Copier Bid/Lease – *Mr. Christopher Lee*

In 2009 Mr. Lee was asked to reduce expenditures by centralizing our copying/printing needs. There was a \$60,000 savings to the district, which helped to fund future computer leases. In 2017, our second lease will come up. There will be a one-time annual payment for supplies. At the end of the year, bids will go out for the copier lease.

D. Internet Agreement with DCIU – *Mr. Christopher Lee*

Our current internet provider is the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. They have been our provider for 6 years. Presently we pay \$9900/year for 150 Mbps. As more computers and personal devices are added, the IU will increase our new agreement to 500 Mbps at a cost of \$7100/year. The cost has been decreasing and will save the district approximately \$2000.

E. Telephone Agreement with Level 3 Communications – *Mr. Christopher Lee*

Currently we pay \$13,200 for a 3 year agreement for base price of service. It costs .089 cents per minute. There has been a ½ percent decrease per minute. Our new agreement will cost \$7500, a savings to the district of \$5700.

VI. Motions

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

Agreements:

- A. Motion to renew the Student Teaching Agreement between Saint Joseph's University and MNSD for a period of two years commencing on June 1, 2016.**

Policies:

- B. Motion to approve the first reading of Policy #248.1, Non-Discrimination-Transgender and Gender Expansive Students.**

Athletic Trips:

- C. Motion to approve Coach Chris Gicking and MNHS Football Team to travel to Lebanon Valley College for Football camp on July 15-18, 2016. The total cost per students athlete is \$355.00 paid by the athletes. There is no cost to the district.**

Donation:

D. Motion to approve the donation of a Planter to Worrall Elementary School from Bob Rafferty Subaru. Subaru had their dealership build a Certified National Wildlife Habitat for their Loves the Earth program and has allowed them to Donate the planter to a local elementary school.

Technology:

E. Motion to approve the internet service agreement with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit for the 2016-2017 school year at an annual cost of \$7,110.

F. Motion to authorize administration to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for district-wide copiers, MFP hardware and print fleet management services.

G. Motion to approve the telephone agreement with Level 3 Communications for a term of three years starting July 1st 2016.

PSSA Scoring Session:

H. Motion to approve Deborah Ryan to attend a PDE/PSSA scoring session on June 13-16 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There is no cost to the district. Ms. Ryan was invited to sit in on the grade 5/6 committee due to a recent attendee cancellation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine