

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, March 18, 2014
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. A.J. Baker, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith (phone)

Board: Mr. Matthew DeNucci

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Mrs. Heather Logue, Mr. Dennis Reardon

I. Call to Order

Mrs. McAuliffe called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The November 19, 2013 minutes and the February 18, 2014 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee along with the addendum

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Athletic Training – *Mr. Dennis Reardon*

Mr. Dennis Reardon shared information with the committee regarding the Athletic Trainer Agreement. The current agreement will be expiring at the end of May. Mr. Reardon is asking to use the services of ATI Physical Therapy. ATI is less expensive than Surgical Orthopedic Associates Division. It would be a 5 year agreement totaling \$21,000 for the high school and \$7,000 for the middle school. Billing would be on a monthly basis from September through June each year.

Mr. Reardon did solicit 2 other bids, but never heard from them. A committee member did ask if the law firm of DiOrio and Sereni, could review the agreement.

B. Special Education Plan – *Mrs. Heather Logue*

Mrs. Heather Logue, Supervisor of Special Education, shared a powerpoint demonstration with the CIT Committee. The full Special Education Plan for the next 3 years is on the Marple Newtown website.

The purpose for the Special Education Plan is:

- To ensure that a quality education will be provided to each of its students with a disability eligible for special education, over the upcoming three years.
- Apply information in the Special Education Plan to the school district's strategic plan, especially the professional education and induction programs.
- To reflect upon on-going programs and services and incorporate anticipated changes in programming as a result of corrective actions generated by the cyclical monitoring and improvement planning.
- To describe content of the Special Education Plan programs and services that are provided within a school district and those special education programs and services which are accessed by the school district from outside the school district's geographical boundaries.

C. Board Documents Demo – *Mr. Chris Lee*

The Board Documents Demo has been tabled.

D. District Calendar – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Current 2013-2014 calendar – a motion to make changes official. K-12 students to attend school on April 14, 15, and 16. Seniors to come in May 3, 10, and 31 for 3 ½ hours. Teachers will co-ordinate work with the Senior Project.

2014-2015 calendar – the 2014-2015 school calendar tabled. There will be further discussion. The October 6, 2014 in-service may be moved to October 13, 2014 and there was a great deal of discussion regarding the May, 2015 election day at Russell School. Security is an issue. There was mention of moving the election site to a religious institution or other venue. Board members will look for other sites. There is also the possibility of having a split schedule for the May, 2015 Flex Day. Elementary staff would have May 19, 2015 for a Flex Day and secondary staff would have May 22, 2015 as a Flex Day.

All of the following motions have been moved along to the full Board except for Motion D – to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar. There will be further discussion.

VI. Motions

- A. Motion to approve the Athletic Training Services agreement for the MNSD with ATI Physical Therapy. The total cost for a period of 5 years, from 2014-2019 will be \$21,000

for the High School and \$7,000 for the Middle School. Billing will be sent on a monthly basis from September through June each year.

- B. Motion to approve MNSD Special Education Plan as presented.
- C. Motion to approve the revision of the 2013-2014 MNSD Calendar as presented.
- D. Motion to approve the 2014-2015 MNSD Calendar as presented.
- E. Motion to approve Ms. Carolyn Firkser, teacher and 6 MNHS students to travel to Costa Rica on June 24-July 2, 2014. The total cost per pupil will be approximately \$2,700.00. There is no cost to the district.
- F. Motion to approve the Model United Nations Club at the MNHS. The purpose of this club is to give students the chance to experience the inner workings of international relations and to sample a career in politics or diplomacy. The club advisor is Mr. Doug Killough.
- G. Motion to approve the contract between Villanova University and Marple Newtown School District for the commencement event being held on June 12, 2014. The total cost to the district for the event is \$12,525.00**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine