

AGENDA

BOE Policy, Curriculum, and Technology Committee

March 19, 2009, 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room A

Central Offices

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order – 3:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call – see below
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda - Approved
5. Public Session – no members of the public requested time
6. Approval of Minutes - approved
7. Items to be Voted on – see below
8. Agenda Items – see below
9. Items for Future Agendas – see below
10. Adjournment

Approved Minutes

Chairman Minotti called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

The following committee members were in attendance: Tom Minotti, Gene Kierce, Tim Walsh, Arlene Liscinsky; Carla Sullivan, Pattie Curran, Lorraine Rossner

Also in attendance were: Karen Giordano, Beth Smith, Allan Cameron, Laura Dempsey, Cathy Araujo

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gene Kierce moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; motion carried. Gene Kierce moved to place Transportation Policy first on the agenda – seconded by Tom Minotti

Gene Kierce moved to approve the minutes of the 2/24/09 meeting; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; motion carried.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Transportation Policy for Review Allan Cameron

Allan Cameron presented the draft of the newly revised Transportation Policy – Primary concern is always student safety which is first and foremost. The policy is being revised from 1988 – policy revision necessary in order to provide structure to the transportation plan for the Shelton Public School District. This is a better written policy which will provide more configurations to the needs of the students of the public school system as well as transportation restrictions re: bus stops and runs.

This draft policy will be brought forward to the Cafeteria and Transportation for review – then presented to Shipman and Goodwin – followed by presentation to BOE for regular BOE April to sit for 30 days with hoped for approval by the May BOE meeting

2. SIS World Language Continuum – Connectivity and Alignment of SIS program with the High School Karen Giordano – World Language Department Chair

Communication between schools is essential – curriculum alignment, assessment alignment, continuity of exam testing format. Comparison is underway re: assessment performance between the Intermediate School performance and High School World Language courses. Revised requirement for Grade 8 alignment – CMT performance – no lower than a B- in Language Arts. Instructional minute differential between the high school and middle school should be addressed. Query the possibility of moving world language to the 5/6 school to push exploratory experience to a lower level.

3. Project Lead the Way Update - Patricia Curran – Director of Instruction

Mrs. Curran has pursued more information on Project Lead the Way re: implementation and rollout. Impact on school who choose to focus on the program support 5 independent modules, offer a minimum of two units, acquire equipment, link math and science standards with curriculum. There was a meeting with Department Business and Technology Chair and Technology Staff from high school and intermediate school.

Continue the Research on cost estimates, licensing costs, computer labs.

There is an extensive application process, must be a pre-assessment of teaching staff for skill levels, application process closes early in the academic year. Instructors must participate in summer training sessions \$4,000.00 to \$8,000.00 in training costs per instructor - Including guidance personnel. \$4,000.00 in licensing necessary for programming costs. Access to technology by students is essential.

Investigate to a greater degree re: Gateway to Technology - Principles of Engineering. How can it be implemented over time – and ultimate cost factor must be calculated.

Committee suggested that Mrs. Curran pursue structuring a plan by September – to implement the program, planning, and scheduling of Project Lead the Way by September 2010.

4. Request to approve the following text book purchases

JAVA – Software Solutions – 2nd Edition – 20 copies - \$1,580

Academic Level – Geometry – 240 - \$18,240

Motion for approval – Gene Kierce – second by Tim Walsh

The following items were brought forward for future agendas:

1. TAG Program – ongoing report - Dr. Tina Parchin – Director of Special Education/PPS
2. Continuing discussion on Transportation Policy revision
3. 8th Period Discussion
 - a. Gene Kierce – BOE – Committee Member

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

3:00 p.m.

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Chairman Minotti moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.; seconded by Tim Walsh; motion carried.