

Bunker Hill Community Unit School District #8**Curriculum Committee Meeting – Open Session Minutes**

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Library, Wolf Ridge Education Center
Person Taking Minutes: Melisa Wright
Person Recording Minutes: Melisa Wright
Names of Members Present: Bauer, Wieseman, Owen, Fulton,
Mullink, Duckworth, Monetti.
Names of Members Absent: None.
Names of Members Electronically Present: None
Names of Persons Also Present: Dr. Buehler, Matt Smith, Stephanie Cann,
Todd Dugan, Melisa Wright, Jay Goltz,
Katie Sutton, Kristi Pennington.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Lisa Duckworth.

Summary of the Discussion of All Matters:

- **Roll Call**
Roll call was taken
- **Public Comments**
There were no public comments.
- **Discuss District Science Curriculum**
Mr. Goltz stated that sample science textbooks has been requested from several different publishers and reviewed by the entire science department. On school improvement days, the teachers got together to discuss the different programs offered. They felt that the Pearson curriculum was visually pleasing for students, aligned to the common core requirements, included labs for the lessons and an online component, was fully customizable, and allowed for student tracking enabling them to push students forward. They also liked that students learned from workbooks that allowed them to write in them and also allowed new updates each year. Everyone was impressed that this was a six year program that allowed for updates at the same cost. While students would still perform hands on labs, the online lab component would open up new opportunities to learn items that otherwise might not be able to be presented to them.

The board was impressed with the online capabilities, prearrange lesson plans, yearly updates, ability to assist lower level learners while challenging advanced learners, and savings in copying and labor costs.

Dr. Buehler informed the board that the science curriculum was overdue for an update, but the district had waited until the new standards were released in order that our students would have the best learning materials. Mrs. Cann commented that almost \$6,000 could be saved if kindergarten and first grades utilized online materials instead of the Pearson program. This would enable the students that needed to meet standards to have more funds available. Discussion was also held that chemistry 2 could possibly be introduced into the high school curriculum on a rotating basis with

chemistry 1 especially since eighth graders are now taking chemical and physical science. General discussion followed. A motion was made by Monetti, seconded by Fulton to recommend purchasing the Pearson science curriculum for the 2018-19 school year for second through twelfth grades at a cost not to exceed \$45,159.69. All were in favor.

At 7:02 p.m. Mr. Goltz left the meeting.

- **Discuss District Technology Program**

Dr. Buehler stated that Mrs. Pennington had received a quote from CDI for 175 Chromebooks and seven storage carts in the amount of \$55,263.04. He had applied for and received a REAP grant in the amount of \$32,861 and an IDEA grant in the amount of \$5,400 which would bring the cost of the laptops and carts down to \$17,002.04. Discussion had been held that kindergarten through second grade would receive the Chromebooks to work on their placement tests and learn digital citizenship and introductory computer skills.

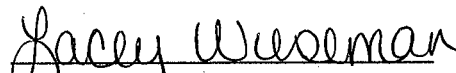
Much discussion was held as to whether the Chromebooks would leave the building, what the advantages were of younger students receiving them, what would happen technologically when these students progressed to third grade, if Chromebooks were the best fit for the district, how long the district had to spend these grants, and other technology related questions.

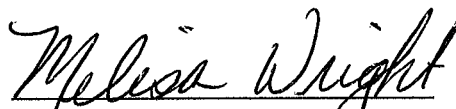
It was determined that a technology committee of administrators, district technology personnel, and faculty members should be formed to create a district wide technology plan and begin implementation of hardware in January.

- **Adjourn**

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. All were in favor.

Time of Adjournment: 7:51 p.m.


President


Secretary