

School Board Program and Property Committee
OEG IMC – November 23, 2015 – 6:45 PM
Minutes

Membership: Abulkhair Masoom
Nancy Bongers
Eric Fatzinger
Connie Valenza
Art Beaulieu

I. Previous Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes from the October 26, 2015 meeting were accepted as printed.

II. Program Topics

Superintendent Valenza introduced Principal Engh and Janis Miles-Business Education Teacher from the high school. CTE graduation requirements were discussed. Janis explained current and recommended courses for graduation credit. She provided the committee members with a handout which detailed what courses are currently offered as credit. Superintendent Valenza reminded everyone that these courses are still in “process” right now. We have not finalized any recommendations at this time.

The following courses are currently offered but have not been sent to DPI for approval. Janis explained that this process is not an easy process. Lots of paperwork needs to be completed and filed with DPI, then DPI makes the final decision to recommend for graduation credit or not.

Agriculture would like to recommend Animal Science, Food Science, Exploring Natural Resources, Vet Science and Plant & Soil Science as Science credit. These courses are currently offered but none have been approved by DPI yet. Horticulture & Landscaping is also a current course that is offered – but would like to see it added as a Science Credit for graduation. A new alternate year course called Biotechnology & Agriculture is in the process of being recommended as a CTE course. Family & Consumer Education currently offers Family & Society and Parents & Children which both are currently Social Studies credit. Technology Education currently offers Principles of Engineering which could possibly be a Science or Math credit. Technology Education would also like to recommend Introduction to Engineering Design, Computer Science & Software Engineering, Computer Integrated Manufacturing and Civil Engineering & Architecture for Science or Math graduation credit. Superintendent Valenza reminded that these courses are in the “process” phase and still need to be recommended to DPI.

PLTW (Project Lead the Way) courses were discussed. Janis stated that not all Colleges/Universities will approve these courses toward college credit – even though these courses are great for career oriented students. Janis also explained that some finance classes are not accepted at Colleges/Universities for credit either.

Career and Technical Education would like to recommend 1.0 credit of CTE courses throughout a student’s high school career. Tim discussed that other districts do require a credit of CTE during the 4 years of high school and that we have a low percentage of students who have not had the 1.0 credit of CTE courses by the time they graduate. The majority of those students were probably involved in our Fine Arts programs. Janis believes that we may even see recommendations from Fine Arts/ Foreign Language in the future.

Superintendent Valenza briefly discussed working through actual policy and how the legislative budget process works in regards to policy.

III. Property Issues

Superintendent Valenza stated that the construction at Westview is well on its way! Superintendent Valenza discussed the bids and how most have come in on budget or were adjusted to match the budget. The next bid will be a big one. It includes the “envelope” of Westview. She plans to remain focused on the budget and keeping the budget on track with hopefully little or no changes.

She briefly went over the project summary report provided by Kraemer Brothers. She also stated that the Kraemer Brothers crew have been excellent with the staff and students at Westview by keeping them safe and informed. The kids are loving and enjoying the progress at their school!

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner