

J. M. Wright Technical High School
Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes of February 22, 2010 Meeting
1:30 p.m.
E.C. Goodwin Technical High School, New Britain

Members in Attendance:

Jack Condlin, Stamford Chamber of Commerce, Mark McQuillan, Commissioner of Education; Patricia Ciccone, Superintendent, CTHSS; Rick Tanasi, President, State Vocational Federation of Teachers (SVFT); Peter Cerruto, Chief of Engineering, CTHSS; Ray Mencio, Unit Coordinator for Trades, CTHSS; Al Richmond, Consultant, CTHSS; Al Sanseverino, J.M. Wright Tech Advisory Committee; Laura Fanelli, Lt. Governor's Office; Moira Lyons, Norwalk Community College; Beverly Bobroske, State Board of Education; Bruce Ellefsen, SDE; Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent, CTHSS; Brian Mahoney, SDE;

Chairman Condlin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Welcome

Mr. Condlin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Consideration of Minutes of the February 8, 2010, Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Ms. Lyons moved, Commissioner McQuillan seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes with the following amendment: As part of the agreement and its recommendation to the State Board of Education, it shall include a stipulation, that operating money occur 1 year before the school's scheduled opening.

Vote:	In Favor:	All Members Present
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	

Motion carried.

3. Enrollment Study Update

Ms. Ciccone stated that Mr. Cook's request has been forwarded to Dr. Barbara Beaudin, Associate Commissioner, Division of Assessment, Research and Technology. The contract is being worked on and she hopes the delivery date can be pushed up. The delivery of study results will involve a presentation by Dr. Cook, UCONN CT Data Center.

4. Brief Review of Enrollment and Impacts on the Number of Trades Offered

A discussion was held on the trades offered and the possible implications due to enrollment. Commissioner McQuillan asked if it were possible to open the school with 5 or 6 trades. Mr. Mencio stated that it depends on enrollment and the popularity with the school and sending districts. The school will be set for 7 trades, but could be dropped back to 5 if necessary.

Mr. Richmond stated that the building could possibly be outfitted to house more trades than are opened with. He said it would be best to design the additional shops in its initial renovation because it would cost more to add on after.

5. Brief Review of Trade Technology – Building Facilities Management vs. HVAC or Plumbing and Heating

Mr. Mencio shared a power point of a study that was started 3 years ago on Facilities Management which included: what is facilities management; facilities management program components; duties; responsibility; challenges; role; power systems; building systems; life/safety systems; training, other qualifications, and advancement; employment; job outlook; employment data – D.O.L.); employment changes; job prospects; earnings; ratios for apprenticeship, plumbing trades, electrical trades, HVAC trades and facilities management trade. A copy of the power point is on file at the CTHSS, central office.

Mr. Tanasi stated that Wright Tech would need something different. Ms. Lyons agreed that Facilities Management would be a draw to the school.

6. Review and Vote on Initial Trades

The committee approved the inclusion of the following trade areas as the 7 core trades to be included in the J.M. Wright program:

1. Culinary Arts
2. Carpentry
3. Electrical
4. Automotive
5. Facilities Management
6. Tourism, Hospitality and Guest Services Management
7. Plumbing and Heating

The Committee did not vote on what if any of the second tier trades {such as Health Technology, Hairdressing and Early Childhood} might be included, but they are interested as to where they would fit in the building in the future. The Committee will identify and hold a vote on the second tier trades at the next meeting.

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Ms. Lyons seconded, that the Committee approve the 7 core trades.

Vote:	In Favor:	All Members Present
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	

Motion carried.

7. Other Matters

Mrs. Bobroske stated that it cost \$66M to renovate Goodwin Tech, yet there was no sign posted outside identifying the main entrance. Signage is in progress.

Ms. Lyons asked if the renovation will allow for a larger population (from 500 to 700) with more than seven trades without a problem – Mr. Richmond answered yes.

8. Brief Tour of Comparable Goodwin Shops Built for 21st Century Students
Committee members toured the shops after the meeting.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Minutes approved at the March 8, 2010 meeting

Next meeting March 8, 2010, 1:30 p.m., Connecticut Technical High School System,
MCR-2, Middletown