

J. M. Wright Technical High School
Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes of April 5, 2010 Meeting
1:30 p.m.
Connecticut Technical High School System, Middletown

Members in Attendance:

Jack Condlin, Stamford Chamber of Commerce; Michael Fedele, Lt. Governor; Patricia Ciccone, Superintendent, CTHSS; Rick Tanasi, President, State Vocational Federation of Teachers (SVFT); Al Richmond, Consultant, CTHSS; Al Sanseverino, J.M. Wright Tech Advisory Committee; Bruce Ellefsen, SDE; Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent, CTHSS; Ceferino Lugo, Assistant Superintendent, CTHSS, James Chasse, Fiscal, CTHSS; Mark McQuillan, Commissioner of Education; Richard Cavallaro, Principal, Wilcox Technical High School; Peter Cerruto, Chief of Engineering, CTHSS; Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, SDE

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

1. Welcome

Chairman Condlin welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Consideration of Minutes of the March 22, 2010, Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Ms. Ciccone moved, Mr. Tanasi seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes.

Vote:	In Favor:	All Members Present except for McQuillan, Cavallaro
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	McQuillan, Cavallaro

Motion carried.

3. Report, "Where is the Committee to date?"

Chairman Condlin shared a Summary of Decisions made by the committee. It summarized what discussions and decisions have been made to date.

Mr. Cavallaro asked why Health Technology was not a core trade. After some discussion, the committee agreed to add Health Technology as the 8th core trade and remove it from the second tier trade list.

4. Continued Discussion of the Report to the State Board of Education

Chairman Condlin stated that "we are almost there" and will discuss further at the next meeting. He stated that the committee will be making a recommendation and presentation to the State Board of Education.

5. Construction Figures and Plans Update – Al Richmond

Mr. Ray Giolitto, Weston Architects, share a revised draft of the building plans and budget. Committee members had a discussion on the second tier trades; project budget; and additional optional energy upgrades for LEED Gold.

Mr. Richmond stated that no final decision is needed now. The future trades would be listed in the report to show the options available. He also stated that there is ample authorized funding.

The members agreed to add Building Integrated Photovoltaic Array, at a cost of \$875,000, as the energy upgrade with minimum maintenance. This will give the school LEED Gold certification. Mr. Giolitto will look into the cost benefit for the maximum size. The other two optional energy upgrades were Geothermal System and Gas-powered Microturbine System.

Fuel cell option – Mr. Giolitto stated that fuel cell is not cheaper now. He mentioned the possibility of UTC having a pilot program at Wright Tech. Chairman Condlin stated it would be nice to have something different, new and improved at the school.

Listed under the Additional Trade Programs (report submitted by Mr. Giolitto), Commissioner McQuillan suggested the word or is added to the Health Technology or Fire and Police or Music Production.

Ms. Ciccone handed out a copy of Media Production Course Descriptions for the committee to look at before making a decision on this trade.

6. Other Matters

Ms. Ciccone stated that Dr. Cooke will visit Bullard Havens, Platt and Emmett O'Brien Technical High Schools, to determine what may or may not have contributed to their successful enrollment growth during the time period that J.M. Wright experienced decline. Dr. Cooke will attend the April 19th meeting to report on the enrollment study.

Ms. Ciccone informed the committee that the State Department of Education (SDE) was asked by the State Department of Economic Development, if the film production company BBC could use space at Wright Tech for film production. They would use the space for approximately six weeks. The necessary paperwork has been filled out and they would pay a fee to the state. The SDE has approved the use of the space.

Mr. Tanasi asked if the committee would be discussing the Fire and Police Preparation as a possible trade which was suggested by Dr. Starr. Commissioner McQuillan stated they could have a conversation at the next meeting.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next meeting April 19, 2010, 1:30 p.m., Connecticut Technical High School System, MCR-2, Middletown

Minutes approved at the April 19, 2010 meeting