

J. M. Wright Technical High School
Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes of May 3, 2010 Meeting
1:30 p.m.
Connecticut Technical High School System, Middletown

Members in Attendance:

Jack Condlin, Stamford Chamber of Commerce; Patricia Ciccone, Superintendent, CTHSS; Al Sanseverino, J.M. Wright Tech Advisory Committee; Bruce Ellefsen, SDE; Ceferino Lugo, Assistant Superintendent, CTHSS, James Chasse, Fiscal, CTHSS; Richard Cavallaro, Principal, Wilcox Technical High School; Peter Cerruto, Chief of Engineering, CTHSS; Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, SDE; Moira Lyons, Norwalk Community College; Mark McQuillan, Commissioner of Education; Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent, CTHSS; Joshua Starr, Stamford Superintendent of Schools

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 April 19, 2010, Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Mr. Mahoney moved, Mr. Sanseverino seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes.

Vote:	In Favor:	All Members Present (see abstained)
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	Starr, McQuillan, Lombardi

Motion carried.

3. Enrollment Study Report, Dr. Thomas Cooke

Dr. Cooke presented his final enrollment study report to the committee. The purpose of the analysis was to evaluate the potential for enrollment of a restructured J.M. Wright Technical High School. The report included data and methods; background information; enrollment trends (declining and potential enrollment) and changes in enrollment numbers by school. A copy of the report is on file at the CTHSS Central Office.

4. School Name Change

After some discussion, the committee decided not to recommend a name change for the school.

5. Responses Received from Regional Superintendents in the Stamford Area

Chairman Condlin stated that he sent an email to the Stamford area superintendents, along with the April 5th Summary, informing them of what the Ad Hoc Committee had done as of this date. In his email he stated that he and CTHSS Superintendent Ciccone would like to schedule a meeting with them to discuss the Ad Hoc Committee's efforts to recommend J.M. Wright's reopening. Chairman Condlin thanked Stamford Superintendent Starr for 'opening the door'. He also stated that the support of the

regional superintendents is needed to make this happen. He has received some positive responses. Visits to Stamford area superintendents will be scheduled in the near future.

6. Operational Budget Discussion Update

Mr. Chasse gave an update to the Committee on the current service expenditures with projections for the start up of J.M. Wright including staffing needs.

7. Other Matters

Ms. Lyons raised the issue of Norwalk Community College's interest in collaboration with the CTHSS. Some discussion followed on the benefits and value added for NCC to have a presence on the CTHSS school site. It was suggested that such a partnership be mentioned in the report the State Board of Education.

At its next meeting, the Committee will hold a discussion on what will be in the report. The Committee will plan for another meeting to review the report prior to submitting it to the State Board of Education at its June 2nd meeting.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Next meeting May 17, 2010, 1:30 p.m., Connecticut Technical High School System,
MCR-2, Middletown

Minutes approved at the May 17, 2010 meeting