

**Manitowoc Public School District  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin**

**Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 24, 2015 - 3:30 PM

The Manitowoc Public School District Curriculum Committee met on March 24, 2015, at 3:29 p.m.

Committee members Keith Shaw, Linda Gratz, and Barbara Herrmann were present. Also present were Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Deborah Shimanek, Superintendent Marcia Flaherty, Board Member Catherine Shallue, and Human Resources Director Andrea Holschbach. Guests present were James Protsman and Micah Hoffman. Absent: Committee Member Dave Nickels.

There were three textbook approvals on the agenda:

The first two textbook recommendations were for Japanese: Nakama 1 and 2 Introductory Japanese: Communication, Culture, Context, publisher Hatasa Hatasa Makino CENGAGE Learning, both copyrights 2015. The cost for Japanese 1 is \$7,860.00 for year one and an ongoing cost of \$600/year for an iLrn subscription. Japanese 2 would be \$5,640.00 for the first year and \$1,350/2-year subscription for iLrn. On motion by Barbara Hermann, seconded by Linda Gratz, the recommendations were approved by a 3-0 vote.

The next textbook recommendation presented was for the Integrated Physical Science class. This course is a revised course reflecting Next Generation Science Standards and will be offered to 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. It integrates the physical sciences, chemistry, and space science as a course of study. After considering three textbooks, the committee recommended Physical Science: Concepts in Action; with Earth and Space by Michael Wyession, David Frank, Sophia Yancopoulos; Pearson/2011. The cost for adoption will be \$16,470 for 180 textbooks. On a motion by Barbara Hermann, seconded by Linda Gratz, the recommendation was approved 3-0.

The next item on the agenda was Manitowoc Lincoln High Music Department (Micah Hoffman, David Bowman, and Monica Hrudik). The proposed trip destination is London, England in June 2017. The estimated cost would be \$1,995 per person. Mr. Hoffman, Band Director and Department Chair, was present for questions and clarification. There was discussion about the cost of the trip. A parent survey completed during conferences demonstrated strong support for the trip. Mr. Hoffman shared that students have already begun fund raising for the trip and expressed the wonderful opportunity this will provide students to perform pieces as originated. The plan is to provide international trips every four years to music students. This would alleviate the cost, long term planning and fund raising. The possibility of scholarships will also be investigated. Mrs. Shimanek did recommend to the committee that they support the trip with the additional clarifications. On a motion by Linda Gratz and second by Barbara Herrmann, the motion was approved 3-0.

Mr. Protsman addressed the Curriculum Committee and the need to have Mouth Breathing Screening to improve reading for our students. He reviewed steps necessary in assessing mouth breathing and a way to eliminate it. There was a question about cost to the District to address concerns and Protsman stated that all that is required is observation by teachers and corrective action. Mr. Shaw thanked Mr. Protsman for valuable information and great research. There was discussion about the possibility of an Academy course proposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. with a motion by Linda Gratz and second by Barbara Herrmann, and carried.

Deborah Shimanek

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education