

J. M. Wright Technical High School  
Ad Hoc Committee  
Minutes of March 22, 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); Ray Mencio, Unit Coordinator for Trades, CTHSS; 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; Moira Lyons, Norwalk Community College; Joshua Starr, Stamford Superintendent; George Coleman, Deputy Commissioner of Education

Chairman Condlin called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

1. Welcome

Chairman Condlin welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Chairman Condlin moved, Mr. Tanasi seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes.

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

Motion carried.

3. Construction Figures and Plans Update

Mr. Richmond stated it would be very helpful in the design process if the architect knew what the second tier trades will be. Based on the additional trades he will be able to provide cost estimates.

4. Continued Discussion on the Second Tier Trades

The committee had a discussion on the second tier trades- Early Child Care, Health Technology; Fire, Safety and Police Emergency, Masonry and HVAC. Dr. Starr stated that he could not support the Early Child Care trade if it is not linked to degree bearing programs connected to higher education. He also asked if market research had taken place, what are the economy demands and what trades are most attractive to students. He asked that because much may happen in the future that might affect the choices, would it be possible to wait on choosing the second tier trades? Mr. Richmond stated it would not be a big issue and asked the committee to provide a list of potential second tier trades. He would be able to illustrate space for the three additional trades selected in the design which the committee could discuss prior to presenting to the State Board of Education.

5. Continue Discussion on Going Green – Construction, Operation and Trade Elements

Mr. Richmond stated that the construction and operation of the school will be LEED silver certified. He stated he would look into gold certification; however, the additional costs could be significant.

6. Discussion of the Report to the State Board of Education

The Committee had a discussion on what should be included in the report. Mr. Condlin asked that the Charge to the Ad Hoc Committee be sent to the members and that they continue the discussion at the next meeting. The Commissioner will present the report to the State Board of Education (SBE) at its June meeting.

Ms. Lyons asked what the process would be as to members reviewing and then voting on the report prior to submission to the SBE. The chair stated the committee would review the report, but there would not be a voting process. Some members expressed that the work of the Committee should be reflected in the report. Dr. Starr stated that he would like to be on record in the report on trades he supports or does not support.

7. Other Matters - None

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next meeting April 5, 2010, 1:30 p.m., Connecticut Technical High School System, MCR-2, Middletown

Minutes approved at the April 5, 2010 meeting