

South Hunterdon Regional High School (SHRHS) Work Group

Revised Draft Minutes of 7/8/10 Meeting

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ward Sanders called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. In attendance in the library at South Hunterdon Regional High School were:

From Lambertville: Ward Sanders; Larry Simms; Beth Asaro

From West Amwell: Dave Beaumont

From Stockton: (none)

Representing SHRHS administration: Nancy Gartenberg, Superintendent; Judy Marino, Child Study Team Coordinator

Representing SHRHS Board: Dan Seiter (Lambertville); Celeste Mosby (West Amwell); Dan Vandegraft (Stockton).

County Superintendent: (none)

II. Minutes

The Work Group work reviewed the draft minutes from the 4/14/10 Work Group meeting.. The minutes were accepted without further comment.

III. Work Group Membership

The Work Group discussed the need to identify the current members of the Work Group. The status of the Work Group membership was identified as follows:

- **Lambertville:** Ward Sanders; Beth Asaro; Drew Gitomer; Larry Simms
- **West Amwell:** Dave Beaumont; [Dan Seiter agreed to contact municipal officials to determine additional membership]
- **Stockton:** Steve Giocondo; [Dan Seiter agreed to contact municipal officials to determine additional membership]
- **SHRHS:** Nancy Gartenberg, Kerry Sevelis; Dan Seiter; and Celeste Mosby.

IV. Review of Charter

Dave Beaumont asked to update the Charter to reflect the update mission of the Work Group. Specifically, he suggested that the group's role should include validating the implementation of specific recommendations.

a. Data Requests

Ward Sanders reminded the Work Group that data requests for SHRHS should flow through the Chair. Preliminarily, he asked for the master schedule and extra curricular when they become available in September. He also asked for a report from SHRHS on how 41 of the Work Group's recommendations were "implemented." A spirited discussion ensued. Celeste Mosby agreed to develop a list of action items by SHRHS that were either cost-savers or efficiencies.

b. Confidentiality of Work Group Discussions

The Work Group noted that to promote a frank and productive dialogue that discussions in the Work Group should remain confidential unless the group agreed otherwise or unless required by applicable law.

V. Update on 5-year plan

Dan Seiter noted that the three municipalities, as part of the negotiation with SHRHS in the wake of the budget defeat, required SHRHS to do a 5-year plan. He reported that the municipalities had required that the report be provided within 60 days. He noted, however, that SHRHS needed to take additional time to accommodate the results of the Middle States Accreditation, which is scheduled to conclude at the end of August. The accreditation process is by a third party, and the process would help inform the Board in the development of the 5-year plan. Celeste Mosby noted that the Board was developing a Community Relations Committee, that

supports the communication of school news to the community. She indicated that the 5-year plan would benefit from the development of that committee.

There was some question as to whether all of the municipalities issued resolutions on need for the 5-year plan and exactly what the working was regarding the plan. Ward Sanders agreed to send the Lambertville's resolution to the Work Group. [See attached]

VI. Update on special education classification study

Nancy Gartenberg gave the Work Group on the status of the special education classification study that the three municipalities required SHRHS to secure. She noted that the study would be done by a third party vendor for a fee of \$10,000, which would equate to about \$500 a day for about 20 days of work. She noted that a posting was made for the work and that she would provide the posting to the Work Group. She indicated that the selection committee would be comprised of the Superintendents from the three sending districts, representatives from the four schools curriculum committee, and herself. She hoped to award the work to a vendor in September and for the vendor to complete the work by the end of the year. She noted that cooperation from the three sending districts was essential and that cooperation appeared to be there.

VII. Future meetings: topics/dates

The Work Group set up the following schedule:

- 9/28/10: Extra Curricular/Scheduling
- 10/26/10: Update on the 5-year plan
- 11/16/10: Facilities/maintenance/operations
- 12/14/10: Work on recommendations
- 1/18/11: Special education audit report