

STEM Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2013

A meeting of the subcommittee of the STEM committee established in Ohio Revised Code Section 3326.02 was held on April 2, 2013, 2-3:42 p.m., at the offices of the Ohio Department of Education.

Subcommittee Members Present:

- Don Grubbs, Assistant Director, Ohio Development Services Agency, serving as the designee for Director David Goodman
- Briana Hervet, Director for Choose Ohio First, Ohio Board of Regents, serving as the designee for Chancellor Stephanie Davidson
- Kathy Shibley, Senior Executive Director for the Center of Student Support and Education Options, Ohio Department of Education, serving as the designee for State Superintendent Stan Heffner
- Tom Schwieterman, Senate Designee

Also Present Were:

- Steve Gratz, Executive Director for Career-Technical Education, Ohio Department of Education
- Jessica Voltolini, Legal Counsel, Ohio Department of Education
- Jennifer Williams, Administrative Professional, Ohio Department of Education
- Kelly Weir, Executive Director, Legislative Services and Budgetary Planning, Ohio Department of Education
- Tricia Moore, Coordinator of Community Outreach, Reynoldsburg City Schools
- John Stilliano, NEOMED
- Stephanie Lammlein, Director, Bio-Med Science Academy
- Mike Kerrigan, NEOMED
- Dustin Pyles, Ohio STEM Learning Network (OSLN)

Call to Order

Kathy Shibley called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Jennifer Williams recorded the minutes.

Bio-Med Science Academy Proposal for STEM School Designation

- Discussion included curriculum focus, project-based learning and hands-on research. This school is housed at NEOMED and operates on an all-year trimester. Students are provided remediation needed to master Algebra II. Writing, including creative and technical writing, is integrated into all subjects. The school is available for all Ohio students, but a majority of students come from rural areas within a 30-mile radius of the school. Students participate in field trips, experiences and internships.
- The proposal states that Bio-Med Science Academy would be beginning by bringing in a freshman class. The actual plan is to keep the students that are currently attending. Therefore, the initial year as a STEM school would include both freshman and sophomore classes. Since the school currently operates as a community school, it must close as a community school and then establish itself as a STEM school. The staff for the school is employed by NEOMED.

- Kathy Shibley motioned for approval of the STEM designation for Bio-Med Science Academy under Chapter 3326 of the Ohio Revised Code with the following provisions: 1.) The Bio Med Academy closes as a community school following all applicable statutory requirements; 2.) There is a legally sound resolution of the STEM school's intention to use contracted staff that is mutually agreeable to ODE and the applicant; 3.) The applicant provides an addendum to the application describing how the current community school's ninth grade will be accommodated in the STEM school. Don Grubbs seconded the motion.

Bio-Med Science Academy was unanimously approved for STEM school designation with these provisions.

Reynoldsburg City School District's Baldwin Road Junior High School Proposal for STEM School Designation

- Discussion included the distinction between the STEM middle school and the two STEM high schools in the district. They are thought of as a collective continuum with the middle school programs building competencies appropriate for success in the high school. The same local businesses support the STEM designations within Reynoldsburg City School District. Enrollment has reached full capacity already.
- Kathy Shibley motioned for approval of the STEM designation for Baldwin Road Junior High School. Tom Schwieterman seconded the motion.

Baldwin Road Junior High School was unanimously approved for STEM school designation.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.