

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Special
Date of Meeting: 6/9/21 Minutes submitted by: Dominic Cipollone
Members present: Dominic Cipollone, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent: Greg Flanagan
Other attendees: Julie Luby, Alyce Misuraca, Tricia Andrews
Meeting Access:–Curriculum Subcommittee (6/9/21 at 6 p.m.)
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/91223958588> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 912 2395 8588

Meeting called to order: at 7:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 26, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 26, 2021, as presented

Made by: Greg Flanagan

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS -

A. New Textbook Proposal: *Street Law: A Course in Practical Law 2021, McGraw Hill*

Alyce Misuraca stated that this is a better textbook; it is updated and accessible. Rick Regan noted that this was exciting, and Stephanie Strazza indicated that the text was better because it was differentiated. Stephanie Strazza made the motion to present to the full board and the vote was unanimous.

B. New Textbook Proposal: *enVision Mathematics Common Core ©2021 EnVision A/G/A Common Core ©2018, Savvas Learning*

Alyce Misuraca stated that these math resources were being presented for adoption. She indicated that the current resources as reported by Edreports.org said that they partially met rigor in elementary school and not met in grades 6-12. These resources will support the district's core values of high-quality instruction and rigor by building conceptual understanding. These resources provide multiple ways to solve problems. Dominic Cipollone brought up the 80-minute block and Alyce Misuraca said it was an area of action. Rick Regan shared that the success of this program will be measured by the SAT and the SBAC, and Alyce Misuraca agreed. Dominic Cipollone said math improvement was his expectation for the 2021-22 school year.

C. New Textbook Proposal: *Bridges in Mathematics, The Learning Center*

The K-5 text is Bridges in Mathematics. This text is about risk taking - there is more than one answer, students are in charge. The workshop model will be inverted. Alyce Misuraca said we will tap into what students already know. Rick Regan stated that it was invaluable for students to learn different ways of solving problems. Alyce Misuraca also stated that there will be a significant use of performance tasks in the high school. Rick made the motion to present to the full board and it passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Director of School & District Climate & Culture Discussion

The Director of School & District Climate and Culture position was discussed. Stephanie Strazza said that the position was important and valuable, but she wanted clarity on the job responsibilities. Rick asked if the Eat committee discussed this as a group. Julie said this was the position to help get all the ducks in a row regarding equity and SEL. Alyce Misuraca shared that this was impacting families in how to understand society today.

V. OTHER - none

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Rick Regan
Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza
Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 p.m.