

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 1/23/23

Minutes submitted by: Stephanie Strazza

Members present: Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Greg Flanagan, Stephanie Strazza

Members absent:

Other attendees: Julie Luby, Alyce Misuraca, James D'Amico, Heidi Edel, Karon McGovern, Bonnie Marsicano, Jean Gephart, Dom Cipollone, Ed Sbordone

Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (1/23/23 at 7:00 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/92798168819>

Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 927 9816 8819

Meeting called to order: at 7:01 p.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. November 28, 2022 – Regular Meeting

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of November 28, 2022, as presented

Made by: Stephanie Strazza      Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

## **III. INFORMATION ITEMS - none**

## **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. New Course Approvals**

1. ECE French: Global Culture - French Teacher Heidi Edel elaborated on the proposed course. This course would be offered to mostly seniors who have completed French IV. The course would give students college credit. There is no cost at this time. The course would include modern French Culture and be taught in French, enhancing conversation skills.

2. ECE English: Maritime Culture - Karen McGovern, an English teacher spoke about the course. It is a unique course which is cross-curricular with social studies, and could easily be incorporated with a multitude of other subjects. The course concentrates on "sea shanty" culture and maritime sociology. The students learn about the content areas through literature. There may be an opportunity for a grant funded field trip.

3. ECE Physics II - Jean Gephart spoke about Physics II. She reported that the smaller population proposed a challenge to offer an accelerated science course. The high school is heavily Biology based. This course would offer students an additional pathway into Physics. This is a continuum to another ECE course. This course provides a full year of college physics. The current physics lab will be expanded to accommodate students in two labs. Physics II aligns closely with the calculus curriculum. This course will require a textbook.

**Motion:** To move the following three new courses to the full Board for approval: ECE French: Global Culture; ECE English: Maritime Culture; ECE Physics II.

Made by: Stephanie Strazza

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

### **B. New Textbook Adoption**

1. *College Physics: A Strategic Approach*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition - Pearson 2023

**Motion:** To move the adoption of the new textbook *College Physics: A Strategic Approach*, 4th Edition-Pearson 2023 to the full board for approval

Made by: Stephanie Strazza

Second by: Greg Flanagan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**V. OTHER** – Kathy Baker asked about the High School SEE project, if it was still a requirement. James D'Amico confirmed that the SEE project is still required. There were no other items discussed.

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Stephanie Strazza  
Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Kathy Baker  
**Meeting adjourned at:** 7:35 p.m.