

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 2/26/18 Place of Meeting: BOE Central Office conf. rm.
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette
Members present: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Kimberly LaTourette, Rick Regan
Members absent:
Other attendees: Alicia Roy, Jason McKinnon, Keegan Finlayson, Ed Sbordone

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 22, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes of January 22, 2018, as presented

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS - none

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Math Overview K-12 – Stepping Stones and Big Ideas are the two math resources that are the foundation of our math program. Stepping Stones, for use through grade 5, has a new version, 2.0, with updates that include the tracking of data for each student by skill based on the formative assessments. Our curriculum ensures consistency in pacing across classrooms in the same grade level, and helps with early intervention. Assessments are given at the end of each module, with problem-solving activities given three times per year. Two math coaches offer support for staff, one at MHHS and the second at Consolidated School. The transition from Stepping Stones to Big Ideas is not a concern, as both resources are based on the Core State Standards.

At the middle school, Big Ideas is used. This resource is available through Algebra II. Concern with online support for the homework was expressed, where wrong answers are provided resulting in frustration for students. This concern will be reviewed by administration. Each student has a textbook and a practice journal. Teachers have a dashboard to see how students are doing. Ninety percent of learning happens in the classroom.

Curriculum is currently being developed at the secondary level. Professional development continues to be provided. The secondary curriculum will be presented to the Board in the fall.

V. OTHER - none

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at: 8:38 p.m.