

Minutes of the Academic & Technology Committee of the
East Lansing Board of Education
East Lansing High School – Board Meeting
509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI
January 19, 2022
9:00-10:30am

Opening of Meeting

Terah Chambers called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

Roll Call

Present: Terah Chambers, Debbie Walton, Elizabeth Lyons, Glenn Mitcham

Absent: Christian Palasty (due to unexpected Internet outage)

Approval of Agenda

Debbie Walton offered the motion to approve the agenda. Elizabeth Lyons seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Moved this item to the next meeting to allow for the collection of minutes from the previous Committee's meeting.

Public Comment – 3 minutes

None

Meeting Topics/Action Items

- Black History Course
 - Received an update from Asst. Superintendent Mitcham who was joined by two ELHS teachers to provide an update about this course. Pending full Board approval, it will be offered this coming Fall 2022 semester for the first time. Teachers have consulted with MSU expert and University Distinguished Professor Dr. Pero Dagbovie in the preparation of the course content. Next step is, with full committee support, to move this item forward to the full Board for consideration.
- Pre-AP U.S. History
 - Received update from Asst. Superintendent Mitcham who was joined by a teacher about removing Pre-AP U.S. History from the schedule. Two major reasons indicated for this change were 1) the racial segregation that has been created between Pre-AP U.S. History and U.S. History; and 2) the increased master scheduling challenges resulting from offering three different sections of this course. Students will still have the option of taking AP U.S. History. The committee was supportive of this

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recommendation. Next steps will be determined pending procedural clarification upon consultation with legal advisors.

- ELHS course scheduling procedure
 - Item will be moved to future agenda.
- College/career counseling
 - Item will be moved to future agenda.

Public Comment (Additional)

Meeting agenda was amended to allow public comment from Dr. Ahlin

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:32am.