

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 11/24/25

Minutes submitted by: Sue Huwer

Members present: Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Sue Huwer

Members absent:

Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kristine Woleck, Dom Cipollone, William Jones, Kimberly Tobey, Meredith Kinscherf

Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (11/24/25 at 7:00 p.m.)

Web: <https://zoom.us/j/93619489394> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 936 1948 9394

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 27, 2025

Motion: To approve the minutes of October 27, 2025, as presented

Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. INFORMATION / ACTION ITEMS

A. K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Update (Curriculum goal)

Dr. Woleck reviewed the work to date by teachers and administrators on redesigning the Social Studies curriculum for K-12, based on new Connecticut state standards released in 2023-24. Social Studies curriculum covers four areas of study: History, Geography, Economics, and Civics. Emphasis is to teach students inquiry skills and to understand sources so that they can be active, engaged citizens with a global perspective.

As was done in the recent updating of the Science curriculum, story boards will be used to trace out learning and link Social Studies curriculum to classroom instruction. Dr. Woleck and Kim Tobey mapped out areas of study by grade level. There is an emphasis on interdisciplinary connections and ensuring that there is less redundancy; teachers will not be reteaching the same topic. Rather, some topics introduced in earlier grades will be explored from different areas of emphasis in later grades.

Students will be asked for their feedback. A highlight is that Honors Global Studies will be available in 9th Grade.

B. Five-Year Curriculum Design Cycle Update (Curriculum / Instruction goals)

Dr. Woleck discussed the Curriculum Design Plan and resource allocations. She reviewed the five-year Curriculum Design Map and brought up the need to replenish supplies but that this will not involve large requests.

IV. OTHER - none

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Dom Cipollone

With unanimous agreement

Meeting adjourned at: 7:50 p.m.