



Student Achievement Committee
August 30, 2023
MINUTES - DRAFT

*The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports please go to: [August 30, 2023 Meeting Recording](#) **Passcode: Dkyu9jS&***

Present: Russell Anderson, Ken Bagley, Catherine Carbone, Michael Dietter, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Carly Fortin, Kristen Giantonio, Maria Simmons, Jaime Rechenberg, Azra Redzic, Leszek Ward

Call to Order

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2023 meeting:

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to approve the minutes from May 17, 2023.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2023 Meeting:

On a motion made by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, Commissioner Giantonio abstained, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes from June 21, 2023.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2023 Meeting:

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to approve the minutes from July 19, 2023.

First Reading: Computer Software Applications:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg, Secondary STEM Supervisor, presented the new curriculum for Computer Software Applications. In this course, students get hands-on practice to produce professionally formatted documents, spreadsheets and presentations needed in their future careers or personal lives. This course is part of the Management Pathway, Digital Communications Pathway, and Information Technology Pathway. The five units of study include: Keyboarding, Computer and Internet Basics, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Presentations, and Desktop Publishing. Commissioner Giantonio asked that the educators explore instruction on electronic note-taking software.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to bring the curriculum to the Full Board of Education with a recommendation to approve the new Computer Software Applications curriculum.

First Reading: If You Love It, Teach It:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the new curriculum for If You Love It, Teach It. This college level UConn course explores the profession of teaching and the role passion for learning and for teaching plays in creating inclusive and engaging classrooms. This course includes 20 hours of required internship time and is worth 3 UConn credits.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to bring the curriculum to the Full Board of Education with a recommendation to approve the new If You Love It, Teach It curriculum.

First Reading: Rising Educators II:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the new curriculum for Rising Educators II. In this course, students will learn about the essential elements to a positive classroom environment, the role of evidence-based practice in yielding expected student outcomes, and the modes in which curriculum is used in generating teacher lesson plans. Student learning is anchored in fieldwork and observational experiences, where they will observe instruction, link observations to their conceptual learning, and apply it in their work with students.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to bring the curriculum to the Full Board of Education with a recommendation to approve the new Rising Educators II curriculum.

First Reading: Foundations in Health Science:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the new curriculum for Foundations in Health Science. In this course, students will learn the basic structure and function of selected body systems and will practice medical skills associated with selected body systems. This course embeds multiple hands-on (CPR Training and Stop The Bleed) and virtual lab experiences (Blood Typing).

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to bring the curriculum to the Full Board of Education with a recommendation to approve the new Foundations in Health Science curriculum.

First Reading: Fashion Design:

Mr. Bagley, Supervisor of Fine Arts, presented the new high school course at BAIMS, Fashion Design. This course will provide students with insight on the history of fashion and its place in the modern world. Units of instruction will include: Introduction to Fashion Design, Fashion Illustration, Fibers and Textiles, Fashion Construction, Careers in Fashion and Fashion Lines/Selling the Fashion.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to bring the curriculum to the Full Board of Education with a recommendation to approve the new Fashion Design curriculum.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Fitzsimons- Bula adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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