

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

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 5/27/25

Minutes submitted by: Greg Flanagan

Members present: Kathy Baker (*arrived 7:31 p.m.*), Tim Blair, Greg Flanagan, Sue Huwer

Members absent:

Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kristine Woleck, James D'Amico, Heidi Edel, Terry Lauchman

Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (5/27/25 at 7:00 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/93213997449>

Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 932 1399 7449

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

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. April 28, 2025 – Regular tabled until later in the meeting

## **III. INFORMATION / ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. New Fairfield High School SEE (Senior Enrichment Experience)**

We heard from Dr. Woleck and James D'Amico about our current SEE projects consist of (external internships, teaching assistant, & independent career research-interview based projects) and the requirements (3 weeks long, 30 hours/week for total of 90 hours; submit weekly reports; present at SEE Project Fair on June 10<sup>th</sup>). In 2027, the State will no longer require the one credit mastery-based diploma assessment. We then heard how admin is exploring a number of ideas going forward. Comparisons were shared about other school programs from DRG A & DRG B (specifically Brookfield, Newtown, Monroe, Weston, Joel-Barlow (Region 9)). SEE Study Group to further research and develop models during 25-26 school year for initial implementation in 26-27 school year.

**B. Transcript Course Designations** - We heard from Dr. Woleck how we currently reflect 8<sup>th</sup> grade coursework on hour high school transcripts. Our research included Outreach to DRG A, DRG B, and surrounding districts; 12 districts responded: 6 districts responded that courses taken in middle school are not indicated on the high school transcript in any way. No districts factor middle school courses into GPA. Further reach out to some colleges and universities noted that none of them use any middle school coursework in considering student acceptances. (Boston University, Clemson University, Quinnipiac University, Southern Connecticut State University, University of Delaware, Worcester Polytechnic Institute). Member of the public Terry Lauchman indicated that she was a teacher in a district in NY and they do things differently and she felt New Fairfield students could be at a disadvantage in applying for colleges without reflecting some middle school work on transcripts. She specifically noted UCONN as a school who would look for MS coursework. It was concluded that research would continue and further on the best way to move forward.

**C. NFHS World Language (French): Quebec Trip Proposal** - Heidi Edel summarized on her past trips to France and Quebec in the past and was requesting permission to bring a Quebec trip option for 2025-26 school year to the full board for a vote.

## **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion:** To elevate Ed Sbordone to full member for the remainder of the meeting.

Made by: Greg Flanagan

Seconded by: Sue Huwer

**Recording of vote:** Vote - Unanimous to do so

**B. Motion:** To approve the minutes of April 28, 2025, as presented

Made by: Sue Huwer

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

C. \*Kathy Baker joined the meeting.

**Motion:** To bring the Quebec Trip to the full Board

Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Sue Huwer

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**V. OTHER** – None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Greg Flanagan

Seconded by: Sue Huwer

Recording of vote: All in favor

**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:03 p.m.