

**MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

February 1, 2024

Zoom

5:30 PM

<u>Board of Education (BOE)</u> <u>Committee Members Present</u> Debra Guss, Committee Chair and BOE Member Elizabeth Crooks, Committee member Adam Hayn, Committee member Shiela Daniels, BOE Chair	<u>Also Present</u> Stacey McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dawn Brooks, Principal Middletown High School ("MHS") Steve Mathews, K-12 Arts Department Head Lauren Pszczolkowski, Career and Technical Education ("CTE"), Business, MHS Gisella Gandulla, Community member
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1. **Call to order and introductions:** Committee Chair Debra Guss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., which was followed with introductions.
2. **Course Change Proposal- BlueTube: Film & Social Media:** Next, Ms. Pszczolkowski reviewed a proposal to have the Film and Social Media class at MHS be approved as an Arts credit in addition to a STEM credit, noting that the class content covered the four key elements required to meet the National Core Arts Standards as well as the more detailed requirements set forth in the standard. A discussion followed and none of the Committee members expressed concerns about the proposed change.
3. **Advanced Placement (AP) Demographic Information:** Next, Dr. Brooks provided an overview of the AP classes currently being offered at MHS, including the course selection process, a breakdown of demographic information for the classes and the benefits of such classes for MHS students. A discussion followed during which it was noted that AP classes offer students an opportunity to distinguish themselves as part of the college application process and in many cases can be used for college credit.
4. **Adjournment:** Committee Chair Debra Guss then adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.