

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 9/25/17 Place of Meeting: BOE Central Office conf. rm.
Minutes submitted by: Steve Burfeind
Members present: Kevin Hearty
Members absent: Amy Tozzo, Jay Voss
Other attendees: Alicia Roy, Jason McKinnon, Steve Burfeind, Ed Sbordone, Barbara Strashun

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

Kevin Hearty elevated Steve Burfeind and Ed Sbordone to voting status.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 28, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes of August 28, 2017, as presented

Made by: Steve Burfeind

Seconded by: Ed Sbordone

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS - none

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Gifted and Talented Program Update – Dr. Joseph Renzulli, UConn Professor and Expert on Giftedness, defines giftedness as having three rings: above-average intellect, creativity, and task commitment. It is the intention of the District to begin using the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) as a universal screener this fall to assist in our identifying students beginning in the 3rd grade and also the 6th. Task commitment and creativity are informally assessed beginning in kindergarten through use of the Makerspaces at both Consolidated and Meeting House Hill Schools. Type I, II and III enrichment programming will be available to all identified students (K-8).

B. K-3 Reading Assessments – Dr. McKinnon reviewed a menu of K-3 reading assessments that are given in our district to help us identify students with reading-related learning disabilities. Dr. Roy confirmed with the state that there has not been any explicit direction from them to non-priority districts to implement specific reading assessments. Dr. McKinnon surveyed area districts who responded that they are using a similar approach to ours, giving a constellation of various/assorted assessments. A schedule of teachers who either have or will attend the Level One Dyslexia Specialist Four- Day Workshop, the Wilson Three-Day Overview Program, Wilson Group Training and/or the Wilson Level 1 Certification was also reviewed.

V. OTHER

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Kevin Hearty

Seconded by: Steve Burfeind

Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at: 8:43 p.m.