



Student Achievement Committee  
July 19, 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: [July 19, 2023 Meeting Recording](#) **Passcode:** Ex8M.K=R

Present: Ken Bagley, Catherine Carbone, Michael Dietter, Jennifer Dube, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Carly Fortin, Kristen Giantonio, Maria Pirro-Simmons, Jaime Rechenberg, Melanie Vetrano

Call to Order

Commissioner Dube 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 Dube, the minutes will be brought to the next Student Achievement Committee Meeting.*

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

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

**VOTED: to approve the minutes from June 21st.**

First Reading: Introduction to Business II:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg, Secondary STEM Supervisor, presented the new curriculum for Introduction to Business II. This accelerated course is ideal for students striving to get a head start on a career in business. Students will take a deeper dive into topics from Introduction to Business I or Entrepreneurship. This course introduces the principles and practices of business management. Topics include: The Business Environment, Economics and International Business, Managing a Business, Business & Law Ethics, Financing a Business, and Marketing.

*Questions and discussion followed.*

*On a motion made by Commissioner Pirro-Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: to bring the curriculum to the Full Board of Education with a recommendation to approve the new Introduction to Business II curriculum.**

First Reading: Astronomy:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the new curriculum for Astronomy. Students will explore the Universe and gain knowledge of Space from Earth's vantage point and beyond. Students will examine stars, planets, and other structures and events within the Cosmos. Lessons in this course will encourage students to use qualitative and quantitative data to make sense

of the universe. Topics covered include: Tools Used in Astronomy Throughout History, Earth, Moon, Sun and Solar System, Understanding Stars, and The Universe.

*On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonia and seconded by Commissioner Pirro-Simmons, it was unanimously;*

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

First Reading: Meteorology:

Students in this course learn meteorology by developing an understanding of the multiple factors that lead to weather patterns, weather formation and climate. This course embeds multiple hands-on and virtual lab experiences to enhance students' knowledge and class experience. Students will be expected to maintain a detailed and scientific weather journal, as well as research weather and climate events and share their findings through projects, models, written and/or oral reports and presentations. Units of Study include: Introduction to Meteorology, Solar Radiation, Temperature, Atmospheric Moisture and Stability, Condensation and Precipitation, Air Pressure and Atmospheric Circulation, Air Masses and Fronts, and Changing Climate and the World.

*On a motion made by Commissioner Pirro-Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: to bring the curriculum to the Full Board of Education with a recommendation to approve the Meteorology curriculum revision.**

First Reading: Acting for Camera and Voice:

Mr. Kenneth Bagley, Supervisor of Fine Arts, presented the new high school course at BAIMS, Acting for Camera and Voice. This course will introduce students to the fundamental skills and theories of acting for the camera. Further emphasis will be given to developing the voice skills to be able to do voice-over work, including dialect and accents. Students will eventually perform in front of their peers and share their created projects. This new course will consist of 5 units: Introduction to Vocal Acting, The Voice Actor, Intro to Film Analysis, Acting for the Camera, and The Final Project.

*On a motion made by Commissioner Pirro-Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: to bring the curriculum to the Full Board of Education with a recommendation to approve the new Acting for Camera and Voice curriculum.**

First Reading: Playwriting:

Mr. Bagley presented the new high school course at BAIMS, Playwriting. This course will introduce students to dramatic writing for the stage. This course will include scene and dialogue craft exercises, developing strong characters and narrative structures, critical reading of plays, and responding constructively to other students' work. Students may be required to create and perform original scenes at the end of the course. Students will also be able to submit their play for consideration in the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center's Young Playwrights Festival. The course will consist of 3 units: What is a play?, One Acts, and Young

Playwrights Festival.

*On a motion made by Commissioner Pirro-Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, it was unanimously;*

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

Information: School Calendars for 23-24, 24-25 and Observances of Holidays:

Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent of Bristol Public Schools, presented a draft of the 23-24 and 24-25 School Year Calendars to show what it would look like if we added observances for the following holidays: Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, Diwali, Three Kings Day, and Eid al-Fitr.

*Questions and discussion followed.*

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

**VOTED: to approve the Revised 23-24 Calendar and bring it to the full board.**

*On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Pirro-Simmons, it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: to approve the Revised 24-25 Calendar and bring it to the full board.**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Dube adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

***Katlyne Laprise***

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