

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

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum                      Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 3/25/19                                  Place of Meeting: BOE Central Office conf. rm.  
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette  
Members present: Kimberly LaTourette, Rick Regan  
Members absent: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone  
Other attendees: Jason McKinnon, Jean Gephart, Keegan Finlayson, Ed Sbordone

**Meeting called to order:** at 7:01 p.m. by Kimberly LaTourette.  
Kimberly LaTourette made a motion to elevate Ed Sbordone to voting status, seconded by Rick Regan, all in favor.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 25, 2019 – Regular Meeting

**Motion:** To approve minutes of February 25, 2019, as presented

Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. New Textbook Adoption**

**1. High School Biology - *The Living Earth: Integrating Biology and Earth Science***

Jean Gephart and Keegan Finlayson were in attendance to discuss how we are meeting our students' needs and the NGSS with core shifts. Two handouts were provided. Integrated Science was eliminated, and other courses were moved to different grades. All students will be taking Physics their junior year. The Grade 11 Science Assessment will include Physics. Accelerated choices will be offered after 9<sup>th</sup> grade instead of 8<sup>th</sup> grade with more informed choices. Elective courses will be offered in Grade 12...Investigative Science. Having the textbook is very beneficial. This textbook, which is approved by the State Board of Education, is consumable and students can write and highlight in it, and use it as a reference. It can be used as a resource to develop curriculum, and is comprehensive, using the five Es - Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate, while helping students look at the big picture instead of little pieces. There is an online piece as well that is still being developed. There is a cost of \$30 per book and only the number of books needed will be purchased.

**Motion:** To bring adoption of the new textbook *The Living Earth: Integrating Biology and Earth Science* to the full Board of Education

Made by: Ed Sbordone

Seconded by: Rick Regan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none**

**V. OTHER** – There are April and May Curriculum meetings left. The committee may meet earlier to consider four or five additional items.

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Kimberly LaTourette

Seconded by: Rick Regan

Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 p.m.