



Board of Education – Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: H. Frydman, Chair Absent
T. Mack-Mohammed Absent
F. Bogle-Assegai Present
L. Easmon *ex-officio* Present

ALSO PRESENT: T. Moore B. Silver K. Dunbar
A.M. Cullinan D. Greco

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

L. Easmon called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Curriculum Committee – March 26, 2024

A motion was made by F. Bogle-Assegai and seconded by L. Easmon for the Curriculum Committee to approve the meeting minutes from March 26, 2024, as presented.

F. Bogle-Assegai Aye
L. Easmon Aye

The motion was passed unanimously 2-0-0.

3. New Business

A. Music and Performing Arts Update

Anne Marie Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist introduced several of the district Music and Performing Arts department teachers to share an update with the Board of Education Curriculum Committee. Ms. Cullinan shared the benefits of the arts to child development including enhancing critical thinking skills, peer collaboration and raising self-esteem.

Mrs. Shannin Crimi, Chorus, Theater and General Music at Carmen Arace provided an overview of the district’s involvement in performing arts with recent theatrical productions. The district will be looking into grants to improve the theater programs including production and stage items.

Ms. Dorothea Jones, District Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts, shared highlights of the Band and Chorus for students Kindergarten through grade 12.



Highlights from the music programs at each school were also shared. These include examples such as students learning to play the Ukulele at Carmen Arace Intermediate and Middle Schools and exposing students to classical music and folk music at the elementary school. Bloomfield High School current has band and chorus programs but is looking to reinstating a marching band.

The district has also received several awards for their music and performing arts department including the NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education and the Fantastic Festivals awards.

The presenters shared some upcoming dates for the “Arts Nights” at the district schools. Arts Nights are a combination of musical performances and displays of student artwork.

The Board of Education members shared positive comments for the arts. One member inquired about having a band camp.

4. Adjournment

At 7:17 p.m., a motion was made by F. Bogle-Assegai and seconded by L. Easmon to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

H. Frydman, Chair