

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

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum                      Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 4/27/20                      Minutes submitted by: Greg Flanagan  
Members present: Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza  
Members absent:  
Other attendees: Pat Cosentino, Julie Luby, Rich Sanzo, Alyce Misuraca, James D'Amico, Kim Tobey, Will Jones, Ed Sbordone  
Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (4/27 at 7 p.m.)  
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/99147534576>    Dial In: (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 991 4753 4576

**Meeting called to order:** at 7:01 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 24, 2020 – Regular Meeting

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of February 24, 2020

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Rick Regan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. New Textbook Adoption

1. *The Challenge of Democracy*

Kim Tobey made a presentation on the new textbook proposal - *The Challenge of Democracy*. This book is Listed and recommended by College Board. The various concepts of each chapter are discussed in detail. The three Themes are: 1) Freedom, Order, Inequality; 2) Majoritarianism vs. Pluralism; 3) Globalization. Greg Flanagan noted the book reads well and should keep the reader engaged. The book does seem to lean to the left and most of the authors seemed to have a liberal bend, and he hopes the book brings both points of view to the reader. Dom agreed book leans left but he does like it, and he asked about the on-line support.

**Motion:** To recommend to the full Board the approval of the high school AP U.S. Government and Politics textbook *The Challenge of Democracy*.

Made by: Stephanie Strazza

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. **Math Update** – Julie Luby and Alyce Misuraca provided the Math update. The K-5 Math Curriculum is under review to either stay the course or move on to another program. Concerning the 6-12 Math curriculum, four new programs/publishers are being evaluated as decision to make a change has been made.

**V. OTHER** – There was some discussion about the summer school program and what that might look like if we get the green light. Dr. Cosentino feels we would be looking most likely having school in early to mid-August, depending on the direction given to us by the State.

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Greg Flanagan

Seconded by: Dominic Cipollone

Recording of vote: All in favor

**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:08 p.m.