

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 11/26/18 Place of Meeting: BOE Central Office conf. rm.
Minutes submitted by: Rick Regan
Members present: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Rick Regan
Members absent: Kimberly LaTourette
Other attendees: Jason McKinnon, Rich Sanzo, Keegan Finlayson, Joel Pardalis, Ed Sbordone, Karyn Barrere, Catherine Hall, Karon McGovern

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 p.m. by Dominic Cipollone.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 22, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes of October 22, 2018, as presented

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Course Approval

1. Interior Design - Karyn Barrere spoke of the proposed new one semester course "Interior Design." There is a need and demand for the class. Discussion followed about how to fit the course into Ms. Barrere's schedule. Students in the class in the future may design a room within our school buildings. There was discussion of potential funding of class materials through a Perkins Grant. A recommendation was made to check with our Director of Technology that the web-based software proposed for the course meets the State's student data privacy requirements.

Motion: To recommended to the full board the approval of the new course "Interior Design."

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

2. What It Is to Be a Young American - Karon McGovern spoke of the proposed new class "What It Is to Be a Young American." She became an adjunct professor at UConn in order to teach this "ECE" class. Her syllabus was approved by UConn. Students will earn free (transferable) credits at UConn. There is a small fee to take this course, payable by the student. This is a weight 5 course.

Motion: To recommended to the full board the approval of the new course "What It Is to Be a Young American."

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

3. College Algebra - Catherine Hall spoke of the new proposed course "College Algebra." It is a weight 3 course designed for students that do not want to continue into more advanced courses like AP Statistics or Pre-Calculus. The goal is to make sure students have a solid knowledge of algebra by the time they enter college. There was discussion of the name of the course, and that it might confuse those who think it is an advanced, college level math course. The committee wanted more detail in the proposal, including a description of expected outcomes and a detailed listing of proposed course materials. A motion was made to table this item.

Motion: To table the approval of the new course "College Algebra" to the January Curriculum Subcommittee meeting.

Made by: Rick Regan

Second by: Kathy Baker.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at: 8:01 p.m.