

# Cheshire Public Schools



## Board of Education Curriculum Committee

**Monday, January 13, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Humiston Building - Board Room, 2nd Floor**

Committee Members Present: Faith Ham (Chair), Anne Harrigan, Tony Perugini  
Additional BOE Members Present: Kathryn Hallen  
Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present: Marlene Silano, Kevin Hanlon, Mary Gadd, Maureen Reed, Michael Earley  
Community Members Present: None

### Minutes

#### Call to Order:

Chair Faith Ham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Perugini proposed a motion to add public comment as the first item on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ham. The motion passed unanimously (Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini).

1. Public Comment: None

2. [Review Minutes of December 9, 2019 Meeting](#)

Ms. Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Informational Items**

a. K-12 Art - Cheshire Curriculum Council (CCC) Overview

Michael Earley, the Cheshire K-12 Art Department Chair, gave an overview of the Cheshire Art Department presentation to the CCC. Key themes included aligning to National Art Education Association (NAEA) standards and transitioning instruction to focus more on teaching skills and concepts more than subject matter. The create, respond, present, and connect frame for art; goals in each CCC area; and future department goals were also discussed.

b. NGSS Assessment Results

Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent, presented the results of the first year of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) assessment results. The NGSS assessment was administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11 in the spring of 2019. The percent of students' proficient and above were 84%, 74%, and 66% respectively. Information regarding the performance relative to state and DRG was also presented. As a note, Norton had the highest percent of students at level 3 or above out of all elementary schools in the state.

**c. Grade 6 OLSAT Results**

Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator, presented the annual report on grade 6 Otis Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT). Data from this test are used as part of the evidence to support admission to advanced math classes at Dodd as well as to support decisions regarding individual student's need for additional learning support or increased rigor.

**d. Out-of-State Overnight Field Trip**

Marlene Silano as well as Dr. Mary Gadd and Dr. Maureen Reed, Principal and Assistant Principal of Cheshire High School, shared information on the following upcoming out of state field trips:

- CHS - Junior State of America Winter Congress, Arlington, VA - February 6-9, 2020
- CHS - DECA International Career Development Conference, Nashville, TN - April 29 - May 2, 2020
- CHS - John Hopkins Model UN Conference - Baltimore, MD - Feb 6-9, 2020

**4. New Business**

**a. Responsibilities of the Curriculum Committee - Draft Overview**

Tony Perugini, Chair of the BOE, discussed the context for sub-committees of the Board of Education to identify and review the responsibilities of each sub-committee. Faith Ham, BOE Curriculum Committee Chair, presented a draft of the responsibilities of the Curriculum Committee.

**5. Adjourn**

Ms. Harrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini). The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kevin Hanlon*

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K-8 Curriculum Coordinator