

# Cheshire Public Schools



## **Board of Education Curriculum Committee (Virtual)**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:** Faith Ham (Chair), Anne Harrigan  
Tony Perugini (joined at 6:20 PM)

**Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present:** Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Hanlon, K-8  
Curriculum Coordinator; Dr. Mary Gadd, Principal - Cheshire  
High School; Leslie Paier, Business Department Chair

**Community Members Present:** None

**1. Public Comment**

No messages received from the public via the CPSCovid19 email address prior to the public comment portion of the meeting.

**2. Review Minutes of October 19, 2020 Meeting**

Ms. Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 19, 2020 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Ms. Ham seconded the motion. Ms. Ham and Ms. Harrigan voted to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting. The motion passed.

**3. New Business**

a. New Textbook Recommendation

- [College Accounting - A Practical Approach](#), 14th Edition, by Jeffrey Slater and Michael Deschamps

Ms. Leslie Paier, Business Department Chair, presented a new textbook proposal for Dual Enrollment Accounting I (BEO 553).

Ms. Harrigan made a motion to move the textbook recommendation forward to the full Board of Education. Ms. Ham seconded the motion. Ms. Ham and Ms. Harrigan voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Informational Items**

**a. Cheshire High School Hybrid Learning Plan Update**

Dr. Mary Gadd, Principal of Cheshire High School, gave an update on the hybrid learning plan at CHS. Dr. Gadd shared information on a series of five parent forums held between October 27 and November 11. The topics included the structure of the collegiate hybrid model, student support at Cheshire High School, student expectations and attendance, social emotional learning, and student activities. Approximately nine to twenty-five parents attended each forum. Additionally, via the agenda, Dr. Gadd shared three samples of course communications/expectations that were sent out at the beginning of the year as well as email and video updates that were sent by all teachers to parents the week of November 9th. Regarding professional development in November, Cheshire High School teachers worked collaboratively to improve synchronous learning instruction. This included use of a variety of technology tools to support instruction, assessment, and feedback.

**b. Professional Development Update**

Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator, provided a brief professional development update. The professional development focus this year across the district remains related to the strategy of Acceleration and the use of technology tools to support learning. November 3rd provided a full day professional development opportunity. Elementary teachers worked on priority standards for the second trimester in reading, writing and math, utilizing pre-requisite assessments to support math instruction, and collaborative sharing of key technology tools. Middle school teachers focused on developing engaging and meaningful academic tasks that support both in-person and remote learners for their given subject area.

**c. EL Parent Night**

The annual EL Parent Information night was held on November 10th. Similar to most school-related events this school year, the evening was conducted via Google Meet. Kevin Hanlon was joined by Pat Castle and Kristin Castellano who oversee EL programming at the elementary and middle school levels respectively. Additionally, Maya Wylie, the EL tutor at Cheshire High School joined as well. In addition to the regular topics of the support process for EL students, this year's presentation also included ways the district is supporting remote EL students.

**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 6:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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