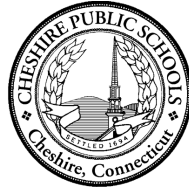


# Cheshire Public Schools



## Board of Education Curriculum Committee

Monday, June 10, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Humiston Board Room

### Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan (Chair) and Dr. Anne Harrigan

Board of Education Members Present:

Mr. Adam Grippo

Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey F. Solan, Superintendent; Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator; Dr. Maureen Reed, Assistant Principal - CHS; Jodie Roden, Principal - Norton; John Redford, EAC President and Math Teacher - CHS; Taryn DiSorbo, Math Teacher - CHS; Maria Mullally, English Language Arts Teacher - Dodd; Tanner Munroe, Elementary Teacher - Chapman; Kristen Rayball, Elementary Teacher - Norton; Kristine Trifone, RAM - Highland; Irene Margary, Science Teacher - CHS; Tim Galvin, Social Studies Department Chair - CHS

Community Members Present:

None

**1. Public Comment**

No public comment in-person or via email.

**2. Review Minutes of May 13, 2024 Meeting**

*Ms. Cullinan made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Dr. Harrigan seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan and Dr. Harrigan voted to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes. The motion passed.*

### 3. **New Business**

#### a. New Textbook Recommendation

- [AP World History - Ways of the World, Robert W. Strayer and Eric W. Nelson](#)

Tim Galvin reviewed the recommendation for the Ways of the World, *Strayer and Nelson* for the AP World History - Modern course. The AP World History - Modern is a new course at CHS that will begin in the 2024-25 school year. The recommendation includes enough for 30 textbooks at a cost of \$3,959.40.

*Dr. Harrigan moved that Ways of the World, Strayer and Nelson be forwarded to the full board for approval after the appropriate two-week period where it is available to the public for review. Ms. Cullinan seconded the motion. Dr. Harrigan and Ms. Cullinan voted to approve the motion and the motion passed.*

In accordance with Board Policy, the textbook above will be made available for public viewing in the Cheshire Public Library and the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 29 Main Street from Wednesday, June 12, 2024 through Thursday, June 27, 2024 and slated for approval and adoption at the Board of Education meeting on June 30, 2024.

#### b. Connecticut Leader and Educator Evaluation and Support Plan

Marlene Silano gave an overview of the recommended Connecticut Leader and Educator Evaluation and Support Plan. The overview included the major shifts in the new model, non-negotiables of the model as set by the state, the focus on strengthening pedagogy through collaboration, samples of how educators can provide evidence of their learning, and next steps for the committee. Members of the committee, including Jodie Roden, John Redford, Tayrn DiSorbo, Maria Mullally, Tanner Munroe, Kristen Rayball, Kristine Trifone, and Kevin Hanlon were present and shared the committee's collective experience and recommendations - collaboration and self-reflection were noted by several committee members.

*Ms. Cullinan made a motion to send the Cheshire Education Growth Plan for the 2024-25 school year to the full Board of Education for approval. Dr. Harrigan seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan and Dr. Harrigan voted to send the Cheshire Education Growth Plan for the 2024-25 school year to the full Board of Education for approval and the motion passed.*

### 4. **Old Business**

### 5. **Informational Items**

#### a. Program of Studies Change - [Principles of Law](#)

Dr. Maureen Reed reviewed a change to the CHS Program of Studies for the 2024-25 School Year. Principles of Law has been offered through the Business Department. The change moves the course to the Social Studies department where a Social Studies teacher, who is a lawyer, will teach the course.

#### b. Grade 7 and Grade 8 Math Levels

Kevin Hanlon gave an overview of changes to the grade 7 and grade 8 Math pathways at Dodd beginning with the 2024-25 school year. The math department teacher leaders and administration have reviewed the math pathways at the middle and high school levels for several years. Based on data trends over time, the status of the curriculum, and the performance of the incoming 7th grade students, the math pathway is being adjusted so that all students entering 7th grade in the 2024-25 school year will minimally take Algebra I as 8th grade students in the 2025-26 school year. Appropriate curricular updates, professional development plans, and communication with families will be important work over the summer and into the fall.

**6. Adjourn**

*Ms. Cullinan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Harrigan seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan and Dr. Harrigan voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kevin J. Hanlon*

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