

Cheshire Public Schools



Board of Education Curriculum Committee

Monday, April 21, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Humiston Board Room

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan (Chair), Dr. Anne Harrigan,
and Mr. Anthony Perugini

Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present:

Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Hanlon, Principal - CHS; Dr. Maureen Reed, Assistant Principal - CHS; Mr. Scott Jeffrey, Principal - Highland School; Mrs. Lisa Bernabe, CHS Math Department Chair; Mr. Thomas Tuscano, Dodd Math Division Leader; Mrs. Jessica Atnes, K-6 Math Coach; Mr. Timothy Galvin, CHS Social Studies Department Chair

Public:

None

1. Public Comment

2. [Review Minutes of March 10, 2025 Meeting](#)

Dr. Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2025, Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan, Dr. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the March 10, 2025 minutes. The motion passed.

3. New Business

a. New Textbook Recommendation

- [U. S. History-Interactive](#), by Lapsansky-Werner

Tim Galvin reviewed the recommendation for a new textbook for the required US History course: US History - Interactive. The previous text was both outdated and in poor condition.

Dr. Harrigan moved that the [U. S. History-Interactive](#), by Lapsansky-Werner, be forwarded to the full board for approval after the appropriate two-week period during which it is available to the public for review. Mr. Perugini seconded the

motion. Ms. Cullinan, Dr. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the motion, and the motion passed.

- [iReady Classroom Mathematics - Algebra I](#), by Curriculum Associates
Kevin Hanlon presented the proposed Algebra I text for use at Dodd and CHS: iReady Classroom Mathematics - Algebra I, by Curriculum Associates. The previous text, Big Ideas in Math - Algebra I (2018), did not fully align with the priority Common Core Standards, and the instructional design of the text did not match the district's definition of High Quality Instruction. The district has had an opportunity to implement a full pilot of the resource this year, and the rigor, tasks, instructional design, and priority standards are all strengths of the resource. The adoption of this resource would provide strong alignment of curricular materials from the current grade 6-8 iReady resource.

Dr. Harrigan moved that the [iReady Classroom Mathematics - Algebra I](#), by Curriculum Associates, be forwarded to the full board for approval after the appropriate two-week period during which it is available to the public for review. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan, Dr. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the motion, and the motion passed.

4. Informational Items

a. Out-of-State Overnight Field Trips

- [CHS - Orlando, Florida - DECA Conference - April 26-20, 2025](#)
- [Dodd - Washington, DC - Grade 8 - May 21-23, 2025](#)
- [CHS - Orlando, Florida - Performing Arts - February 13-16, 2026](#)
- [CHS - Orlando, Florida - Social Studies/Pop Culture - April 6-12, 2026](#)
- [CHS - Dominican Republic - April 12-20, 2025 - CANCELLED](#)

Dr. Maureen Reed gave a brief overview of CHS out-of-state trips for the end of the 2024-2025 school year, as well as trips planned for the 2025-26 school year. Additionally, Marlene Silano provided details of the annual grade 8 trip to Washington, D.C.

b. CHS Schedule

Principal Hanlon gave an update on the 2025-2026 CHS schedule. The 2025-26 schedule, published in January of this year, included eight total periods, 5 sessions each day, and 68-minute classes. Through staff and student feedback, two main areas of feedback were given related to this schedule: the rotation of classes and the impact on homework. Through department meetings, a student forum, and a faculty meeting, feedback was given on proposed mild updates to the rotation and planning for appropriate homework design. The final version of the schedule aims to apply the best practice of balancing the frequency of meeting and the length of each class.

c. K-12 Math - Cheshire Curriculum Council (CCC) Summary

Scott Jeffrey, Lisa Bernabe, Tom Tuscano, and Jessica Atnes provided an executive summary of the full Math presentation given to the CCC in March. Goals for curriculum, assessment, instructional strategies, text/resources, and professional development were shared. Some highlights included adjusting middle and high school course pathways and continuing

curricular alignment work K-12. Additionally, focusing on instructional priorities of incorporating mathematical practices, responsive teaching, consolidation process, “self-documentation”, and homework were all noted as opportunities for continued improvement.

5. Adjourn

Dr. Harrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan, Dr. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Hanlon

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