

Cheshire Public Schools



Board of Education Curriculum Committee

Monday, September 15, 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; Azra Redzic,
Curriculum Coordinator; Dr. Maureen Reed, Assistant
Principal, CHS

Community Members Present:

None

1. Public Comment

No public comment in-person or via email.

2. Review Minutes of June 9, 2025 Meeting

Dr. Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2025, Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan, Dr. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the June 9, 2025 minutes. The motion passed.

3. Informational Items

a. CT State Testing Results

Assistant Superintendent Silano shared Cheshire's testing results, including the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA: grades 3-8), Next Generation Science Assessment (NGSS: grades 5, 8, and 11), and the Scholastic Aptitude Test - School Day (SAT: grade 11). The results indicate overall health in student performance across the district. Math performance was the strongest, outperforming the 2018–2019 school year. Both growth rates and the average percentage of targets achieved in ELA and Math show a healthy upward trend compared to the prior year. Notable improvements were seen in achievement and growth in grades 7–8 math and ELA. Grade 5 showed consistent achievement on NGSS, highlighted by 83.1% of students performing above goal. SAT results also showed continued improvement, with data indicating math gains over the previous year.

b. Curriculum Writing Institute (CWI) Update

Assistant Superintendent Silano shared highlights of this year's Curriculum Writing Institute (CWI). Azra Redzic shared highlights from the curriculum writing feedback loops, emphasizing the work on the combined opinion writing units in grades 3–4. In these units, students become experts and are expected to use academic and technical language as well as the student-friendly rubric. CWI participants also incorporated BTC strategies to support easier teacher use.

c. Assistant Superintendent's Update

Assistant Superintendent Silano shared that members of the math department at CHS, including Kevin Hanlon, principal, the math department chair, and a special education teacher, participated in the Partners for Educational Leadership Network Improvement Council in Manchester. The teams worked through standard work protocols to identify best practices for math instruction. Another team from CHS, including Assistant Superintendent Silano and Dr. Maureen Reed, CHS assistant principal, Julie Trifone, English Teacher and Sara McGrimley, Art Teacher attended the PEL Student Voice Institute, which focused on how student voices can be elevated in decision-making related to systems and structures, curriculum, services, and other areas to improve the overall student experience.

4. Old Business

a. Safe School Climate Surveys

Assistant Superintendent Silano shared that the safe school climate survey will not be delayed until spring but will be redeployed to parents in October. QR codes and Chromebook kiosks will be available during parent-teacher conferences so that parents can complete the survey at that time. Surveys will be communicated to families via multiple methods, including school/principal newsletter and Parent Square.

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 7:53 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Azra Redzic

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