

# Cheshire Public Schools



## Board of Education Curriculum Committee

**Monday, October 20, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.**

### **Humiston Board Room**

#### **Minutes**

- Committee Members Present: Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan (Chair) and Dr. Anne Harrigan
- 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 September, 15, 2025](#)**

*Dr. Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2025, Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Ms. Cullinan seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan and Dr. Harrigan voted to approve the September 15, 2025 minutes. The motion passed.*

**3. Informational Items**

a. Assistant Superintendent's Update

Assistant Superintendent Marlene Silano shared that Monroe Public Schools requested to meet with CPS team to discuss math bright spots and share best practices that have led to significant improvements in student growth and achievement in mathematics. During the visit, Cheshire Public Schools (CPS) met with Monroe's Pupil Personnel Services Director, Middle School Principal, Math Coach, and Curriculum Director to review math programming, curriculum design, and special education structures that support student success.

CPS staff supported the Cheshire Food Pantry today by wearing Cheshire swag and/or red. The effort successfully raised funds for the food pantry, demonstrating strong community spirit and staff engagement across the district.

Educator Growth Plans (EGPs) are in progress, with strong collaboration between teachers and administrators and continued alignment to district goals and professional learning priorities.

The New Teacher Induction Program continued this month with new teacher meetings to support those in TEAM (Year 1 or Year 2) and those new to the district. Sessions focused on school goals, individual growth goals, HQI, and the support available in the district.

Budget meetings were held with Superintendent Solan, Assistant Superintendent Silano, Emily Taylor, and each of the principals. In-depth discussions were held on a variety of needs including support services evaluations, Dodd maintenance, STEM coordination, athletics, unified arts and ML needs.

A meeting with Mike Zuba is planned to review three redistricting scenarios. Additional information and greater detail will be shared at a community meeting.

Ongoing PD continues around instructional practices with teachers from each building attending workshops with Peter Liljedahl author of *Building Thinking Classrooms*. Notably two division leaders attended training on a non-school day, showing strong commitment. Administrators are engaged in planning how to build capacity by having teachers share this learning with the larger faculty.

Assistant Superintendent Silano met with this year's subject area/department leaders who will engage in the 5 year curriculum review cycle. Library Media, World Language, School Counseling and Health & PE will begin the evaluation cycle this year.

b. MultiLingual Learners Update

Azra Redzic shared highlights and updated ML numbers for the district. There are currently 171 ML students. She also presented ML enrollment data from the past five years. ML attendance and the top five languages represented in the district were discussed.

c. PASS Parent Letter

Assistant Superintendent Silano shared the PASS Parent Letter that was sent to families. This is the third year of administering the survey for grades 3–12. No questions or concerns have been raised.

d. Safe School Climate Survey Parent Letter

Assistant Superintendent Silano shared that the Safe School Climate Survey was administered, and as of Friday, October 17, the following responses had been received:

Participations as of 10/20/25

Families: 385 responses

Staff: 215 out of 517 certified staff, and 102 non-certified staff

Students: 295 out of 4,430

Administrators: 9 completed

**4. Adjourn**

*Dr. Harrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cullinan seconded the motion. Ms. Cullinan and Dr. Harrigan voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

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