

**Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Spaulding Union High School Elementary/Middle School**  
**September 12, 2016**

**In Attendance**

- Joe Blakely, Committee Chair and Board Member
- Brenda Waterhouse, Principal
- Rick McCraw, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, BSU

**Agenda**

1. Review/approve minutes of May 23
2. Changes to agenda
3. SBAC results from spring 2016
4. ACT scores from spring 2016
5. Update on proficiency-based learning and reporting
6. Update on work-based learning
7. Update on flexible pathways: Updated personal learning plan form
8. Upcoming agenda and meeting date/s.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00.

**1. Review/approve minutes of May 9, 2016**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. Changes to Agenda**

Presentation of SBAC results are tabled until October 10<sup>th</sup> due to the data not yet being published by the state.

Presentation of ACT results are tabled until the November meeting, at which time the data will be presented by Dave Nicholson.

Work-based learning is tabled until October 10<sup>th</sup>, at which time Michelle LaFrancis will present.

Flexible pathways are tabled under October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Presentation of science NECAP results are tabled until October, by which time we anticipate their release by the state.

**3. Update on proficiency-based learning and reporting**

Brenda presented a slide show on proficiency-based learning (PBL) and reporting. (Slides are posted with these minutes.) It's important to note that the basis of this work is in Vermont statute and Rule 2000 as passed by the State Board of Education.

During the presentation, discussion ensued on how different PBL is from how education has traditionally been delivered. This includes linkage between PBL and flexible pathways: With the

expectation that all students must demonstrate proficiency, it will be important for students to have choice in how they do so. The slides lay out the five-year schedule for implementation of PBL and proficiency-based graduation requirements.

Brenda emphasized that there will be a great deal of support for students in achieving proficiency.

Brenda diverged from the slide deck to display some of the state's sample graduation proficiencies. In that connection, Brenda described how Spaulding teachers identified the key standards on which proficiency *must* be shown.

#### **4. Upcoming agenda and meeting date/s.**

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30 in Room 110 of Spaulding High School.

Topics will consist of:

- SBAC results from spring 2016
- Science NECAP results
- Update on proficiency-based learning and reporting: Demonstration of proficiency-based reporting
- Update on work-based learning
- Update on flexible pathways

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick McCraw', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rick McCraw  
Director Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment  
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