

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Christopher Browe, Ms. Robyn Berke, Ms. Amy Esposito and Mr. Tom Hurley.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**Staff members present:** Dr. E. Marie McPadden and Ms. Jacqueline Cappiello.

**Others present:** Ms. Ananya Kachru.

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Thursday, March 09, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Amity District Offices.

**1. Call to order:** Chairman Browe called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

**2. Approval of minutes – January 19, 2017**

***Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Berke to approve the minutes as submitted.***

**Vote 3-0 in favor**

**Motion carried**

**3. New text proposals**

**A. Conceptual Integrated Science, second edition**

Dr. McPadden stated that this book is the proposed replacement for an existing course that integrates biology, chemistry, physics and earth science. Ms. Cappiello gave further details about the course and she and Dr. McPadden answered questions about the course and the text.

***Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Esposito, to approve Conceptual Integrated Science, second edition for use at Amity High School.***

**Vote 3-0 in favor**

**Motion carried**

**B. College Physics: A Strategic Approach, third edition**

Dr. McPadden stated that this text is for use in the new physics course that was approved by the Board of Education in December 2016.

***Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Berke to approve College Physics: A Strategic Approach, third edition, for use at Amity High School.***

**Vote 3-0 in favor**

**Motion carried**

**C. Myers' Psychology for AP, second edition**

Dr. McPadden explained that this is an early proposal for approval; the text will be used beginning in the 2018-2019 academic year.

There was discussion regarding the text itself, the reason for replacing it and questions about the course.

***Motion by Mr. Hurley to approve Myers' Psychology for AP, second edition, for use at Amity High School.***

**There was no second to the motion.**

There was lengthy discussion y the Committee regarding the need to approve the text so far in advance of its use.

***Motion by Ms. Berke to table discussion and vote to approve this text for use until after September 01, 2017.***  
There was no second to the motion.

Further lengthy discussion ensued.

***Ms. Berke withdrew her motion to table.***

***Ms. Esposito seconded Mr. Hurley's motion to approve the text.***

There was discussion regarding the process and timing of textbook approval.

**Vote 3-0 in favor**

**Motion carried**

**4. Other** - Dr. McPadden stated that SAT testing would be held on April 05, 2017.

**5. Adjourn**

***Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hurley , 2nd by Ms. Berke at 7:55 pm.***

**Vote3-0 in favor**

**Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk