

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Administration Building Board Room

PRESENT:

Committee: Mr. Matthew Bilker

Board:

Ms. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Nick Reynolds, Mrs. Tracy Alberti, Mrs. Desiree Tomasco, Mr. Nicholas Siano, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Mark Sereni, Mr. Joseph Driscoll

Administration:

Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Heather Logue, Mr. James Orwig, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Mr. Chris Lee, Dr. Dorie Pitone

I. Call to Order

Mr. Bilker led the meeting on behalf of Mr. DeNucci. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bilker led the pledge of allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

The January 7, 2020 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

- A. Dr. Bompadre presented on the Academic Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. She reported that school will begin after Labor Day as the district believes it may need the additional days at the end of the summer for construction renovations at Culbertson and Loomis. She reported teacher flex days are proposed for the last two teacher days and spring break is proposed to be a full week. Make-up snow days will begin after three snow days have been used.

There is a new proposal to include two half days and one full day of professional development to be built into the academic calendar for 2020-2021. Half days are proposed for October 30, 2020 and January 15, 2021, and a full day is proposed for February 12, 2021 for additional professional development days. These dates were selected as to accommodate families. Dr. Kane reported that she has met with administrative leaders, the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and the teacher union

leadership which all favorably supported this new professional development proposal. Our district's goal is to improve the knowledge and skills of our teachers district-wide for the purpose of increasing student achievement.

Mr. Bilker opened the floor for parent comments. Working parents were concerned with day care issues. It was suggested to approach Kidstop to see if they can assist with accommodations for those days. There was also support from parents who felt that professional development would be beneficial to our school district.

Ms. Chandless asked if the key guide on the academic calendar could be updated as she felt the current key may be difficult to read. Dr. Bompadre will update the key guide.

The calendar will be presented at the February 25, 2020 Board Meeting for final approval.

VI. Motions:

There were no motions.

Public Comment

There was a comment from a parent regarding moving up elementary spring teacher conferences. Due to state testing and standards-based reporting, the final reporting of student achievement is held in late April or early May, so teachers have time to gather growth data on their students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vannicolo
Curriculum Secretary