

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
AUGUST 19TH AT 8:00 AM

Board Members Present: E. Urbanski, Chair | E. Briamonte | V. Flynn | L. Zhang
Administrators Present: J. Charney, Interim Assistant Superintendent | F. Stromsland, Interim Director of Special Services.
Meeting Location: Remote

1. The committee met remotely on Thursday, August 19th at 8:00 AM for its Curriculum and Instruction/Special Services Committee Meeting.
2. Recommendation for Approval: The committee discussed items recommended by the Interim Superintendent for approval including, but not limited to: Out of district travel, New tradebooks/textbooks, Professional Development consultants, staff presenters, Cap grant, School Documents and a PBA donation of \$1,500.
3. Special Services: Dr Stromsland presented Special Services recommendations for approval including, but are not limited to: All Care Therapy Services LLC, Nova home care and Staffing, Locations for approval for Community Based Instruction (CBI) and Structured Learning Experience (SLE) and Approval of 2 new courses for SLE students- Career Exploration III and IV.
4. Special Services Audit: Dr. Stromland presented the findings of an audit of the Special Services Department performed by two independent consultants over the last several months. Findings were reviewed and the discussion of recommendations was held. The administration is actively making changes and progress on the corrective action plan and it will be reported back to the committee.
5. SAT Courses: Dr. Charney presented information on the SAT course currently being taught at the High School. To combine teaching the math and ELA concurrently, staffing would have to double. Dr. Charney thinks that pedagogically it is better to teach in depth in one area and then move to another rather than shifting back and forth between math and ELA.
6. Administrative Retreat: Dr. Charney presented the topics covered by administrators during their annual retreat which was held the week of August 16th.
7. G&T Staffing: Dr. Charney discussed staffing for the G&T program in the upcoming year.
Summer Step Up Program: The District operated a summer step up program in an attempt to address learning loss that students experienced during the pandemic. These classes ran from (July 6 to August 26). While 345 students attended the summer program (which accounts for approximately 10% of the District's student population), there are still another 468 students that

would benefit from further intervention. The District will have classes before and after school to address the needs of these students.

Next Meeting Date: September 23rd @ 9:00 AM