

**Waunakee Community School District
BOE Curriculum Committee Minutes of February 22, 2012**

BOE Members: Julie Waner, Joan Ensign, Karla Homan

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER @ 3:33 PM

II. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

III. COMMON CORE UPDATE – ELEMENTARY LITERACY (information item)

Pam Smith presented on CCSS changes in K-6 elementary literacy (see attached). She distributed an example of writing program materials we are currently evaluating. Emphasis on speaking/listening skills, and word origin (Greek and Latin roots as early as 3rd grade) will need to be addressed. Common core will provide greater focus. The committee expressed their appreciation for the work of our elementary staff.

III. HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM (information item)

Ann Denkert, Tim Decorah, and Brian Smith presented on the high school physical education curriculum. In the PE courses, more training on appropriate nutrition and workout in a non-competitive cooperative environment. Strength and Conditioning has proven to be a popular elective (5 sections first semester and 3 sections second semester). Weight room is also used during release. Lifetime Activities and Advanced Fitness offer different options. A list of topics that students might miss with an opt-out was covered. Ann noted that seasons have different lengths and units rotate, so taking the same course twice is an option for students.

IV. REVIEW OF ART PROGRAM EVALUATION ACTION PLAN (action item)

Motion Ensigned/Homan seconded to approve Art action plan.

V. INITIAL REVIEW OF TEXTBOOK REQUESTS (information item)

Lisa Carothers explained the rationale for *The Pocket Guide*. District would purchase a copy for every 9th grade student for purchase at the end of the year.