

*Waunakee Community School District*  
**BOE-Curriculum Committee**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Date: October 26, 2011**

**Time: 3:30 P.M.**

**District Administration Center-905 Bethel Circle**

BOE Members: Julie Waner, Joan Ensign, Karla Homan

1. Call to order-*Chair Julie Waner called the meeting to order at 3:32p.m.*
2. Public input on agenda items-*None.*
3. New Course Proposals-*Three new course proposals have advanced through the review process (departmental, High School Leadership Team, Systemwide) for review by the Curriculum Committee. Courses that advance from the Curriculum Committee go to the full Board of Education as an action item for adoption. The course proposal documents are attached.*
  - a. *AP Chemistry-Jason Rotzenberg presented on the proposal for an additional advanced Chemistry course. The new course will initially be titled Chemistry 2: Thermodynamics, Kinetics, and Equilibrium and be offered in the first semester. The existing Chemistry 2 class will be Chemistry 2: Reactions, Bonding, Gases and will continue to be offered in the second semester. Combined, the two Chemistry 2 courses will cover the topics on the AP Chemistry exam and can be taken in any order. This is to provide students with flexibility in constructing their schedules. Jason anticipates that there might be a review session in the spring for the AP exam. The course would utilize our existing textbook for Chemistry 2 and we expect enrollment to run at one section per year. Joan Ensign moved to recommend the course for adoption by the Board and Karla Homan seconded. Passed 3-0.*
  - b. *AP Language and Composition-Lisa Carothers presented on the proposal for AP Language and Composition. This would be a full year course offered primarily for juniors. There are two special considerations with this course. The first is that we would seek to revise the high school graduation requirements to include AP Language and Composition with American Novel and American Character as a course satisfying the junior year requirement. This*

*involves policy 345.5, section A.1. Second, the proposal calls for students to be responsible for purchasing 2-4 of the course texts. The committee discussed the proposal with a favorable view, but tabled discussion until November 30 to obtain more specific information on the student book purchases and also discuss the more general topic of student purchases of texts at the November 14 Board of Education meeting. Currently, our students do not purchase any textbooks.*

- c. Advanced Creative Writing-Lisa Carothers presented on the proposal for Advanced Creative Writing. This would be a semester course, probably second semester, for seniors who had earned a B or better as juniors in Creative Writing. Expository Writing would be discontinued. Creative Writing has been a popular course and the English department believes there is an audience of students who are interested in more advanced work. Joan Ensign moved to recommend the course for adoption by the Board and Karla Homan seconded. Passed 3-0.*

#### **4. Updates**

- a. 4K-Amy Johnson updated the committee on 4K. Our first staff development has occurred with all the sites and they are currently assessing student progress for the first quarter. 4K will be the curriculum presentation at the November 14 Board meeting.*
  - b. Common Core-Work has started on revising the elementary and intermediate school report cards to align with the Common Core standards in English Language Arts and Math.*
  - c. Online Learning-The first meeting on the Online Learning Study Committee will be November 7.*
  - d. Middle School Schedule-The first meeting of the Middle School Schedule committee has been held and it was a positive discussion. There was additional discussion on the numbers of students taking a core course outside their assigned team.*
- 5. Art Audit Scheduled November 7-8-The program evaluation on-site audit for Art will occur on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The auditors will meet with the Curriculum Committee at 7:30am on November 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss perspectives on our Art programs. The auditors report will be presented at 3:45pm on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are at the District Administration Center.*
  - 6. StudentTracker/National Clearinghouse-Tim Schell presented the reports the district is receiving from the StudentTracker system on our graduates' outcomes in higher education. This is an important step forward in understanding how our students perform in post-secondary education after they receive their high school diploma.*
  - 7. Adjourn-Joan Ensign moved to adjourn and Karla Homan seconded. Passed 3-0 at 5:06 p.m.*

cc. Amy Johnson, Kurt Eley, Janet Thomas, Dan Carter, Chris Hetzel, Brian Kersten, Sheila Weihert, Marcy Peters-Felice, Dean Kaminski, Randy Guttenberg, BOE.