

Waunakee Community School District
Board of Education - Curriculum Committee Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2009
Teaching & Learning Center-101 School Dr.

BOE Members present: Peggy Hill-Breunig, Eric Esser, and Julie Waner

Others in attendance: Randy Guttenberg, Tim Schell, Brian Kersten, Martha Barlow, Cheryl Cordell, Monica Butler, & Bambi Statz (attending as part of public input/SB Convention recap).

Meeting called to order by Chair, Peggy Hill-Breunig

Motion by Julie, second Eric to approve the agenda with a re-arrangement of order to allow staff to participate. Passed 3-0.

- I. Public input on agenda items-none
- II. School Board Convention Recap
 - Bambi highlighted her attendance at various WASBO workshops in January. Including public engagement, community partnerships, district math study and a 4 step process to study data. (See attached)
 - Julie shared presentations team building, vertical teams for more course rigor, & a Supervision/Evaluation process from Marshall Schools.
 - Peggy talked about sessions she attended: Justice Shirley Abrahamson, PE, Ag Education, and various school/community partnerships.

It was suggested that BOE members might want to share with the full BOE next year.
- III. Class rank Brian K., Sheryl, Martha explained the recommendation to eliminate the sharing of class rank. (See attached) Motion by Eric E. second Peggy to forward the recommendation to the full BOE for action/approval. Passed 3-0.
- IV. Youth Options Application- Monica Butler reviewed guidelines for students applying for Youth Options & Youth Apprenticeship. The concern is that these courses are expensive. The administration would like the BOE to approve a policy to make students responsible for reimbursement if they fail these courses. It would be helpful with some student motivation. On-line courses will be studied to see if this is legal to do. Curriculum committee recommended the administration develop a policy and send it on to the BOE policy committee for action.
- V. 4K Update -Discuss the future meeting with area pre-schools on June 25 regarding changes in the district handwriting instruction (Zaner-Bloser) and interest in pre-school directors to study a community based 4K program. It was recommended that BOE members visit Kindergarten classrooms this fall to see how different the instruction and expectations are in today's Kindergarten.

- VI. Technology-AV Standards-Tim brought back answers to questions on the recommended standards for instructional AV equipment in each room and specialty area in the district. Classroom & grade level standards were discussed.
- VII. 2008-09 Testing & Assessment Booklet -First draft of the test booklet was shared. Mike asked the committee to review and provide a suggestion to be included in the booklet. Julie would like to see yearly AP test comparisons added.
- VIII. Diversity Focus Group-Mike shared the results of a focus group of HS minority students. The results show that the students feel safe and welcomed at the HS. (See Attached)
- IX. Elementary School 10-day Schedule Mike shared a proposal to institute a 10-day elementary schedule. The purpose for this schedule modification is to provide art, music, PE, guidance/LMTC, and world language with equal instruction between classes. Presently, these classes would just be skipped during vacations or snow days. The schedule would be similar to the A-B schedule at the Interm./MS/HS. In a 10 day rotating schedule specials would not be skipped. This modification will not impact budget or add FTE. The plan is to make the elementary schedule change beginning in the fall of 2009.

Motion by Julie, second Peggy to Adjourn. Passed 2-0

cc. Tim Schell, Kurt Eley, Dan Carter, Chris Hetzel, Brian Kersten, Sheila Weihert, Shelley Weiss, Lee DePas, Randy Guttenberg, Monica Butler, Martha Barlow, BOE.