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## MINUTES

Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education  
Curriculum Committee  
Thursday, June 9, 2022; 3:30 p.m.  
Nonnewaug High School  
Library Media Center

### Present

Jonathan Kapstein, Chair  
Jim Crocker  
Carol Ann Brown (arrived 3:55 p.m.)

### Absent

Michael Devine

### Also Present

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent  
Wendy Nelson Kauffman, Director of Student Learning  
Taryn Fernandez, Assistant Principal, Nonnewaug High School  
Patricia Paige, Recording Secretary

## I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

### New Elective Courses and Textbooks

The purpose of the Curriculum Committee meeting was to present, discuss, and approve several courses and textbooks prior to bringing them to the full Board for a second read and approval.

## II. Elective Courses

### Sports and Society/Further Discussion

Marisa Christoff, Social Studies Department Chair and Kyle Brennan, Social Studies teacher were available to present and answer questions. The premise of the debate-driven course is to gain students' interests by providing topics they find worth in around the essential question of how sports reflect values, trends, and movements in society.

### Guitar

The course and textbook were described at the Board meeting on Monday, June 6th and brought to the Curriculum Committee as a formality. It has been subsequently approved by the committee for a second presentation to the full Board at their next meeting.

### III. Textbooks

#### Accounting

Withdrawn

#### Biology

Mr. Kapstein read the book and felt it was a great read; he was very impressed with the content. Reviewed and approved by the full Board on June 6, 2022.

#### Guitar

Reviewed and approved for presentation to the full Board.

#### History of Western Society/Further Discussion

Consideration for a new textbook include:

- College Board revamped their curriculum in 2020 and the current textbook in use does not align with the new College Board standards.
- There has been a shift in student population in the course, to mostly sophomores. Reading is a struggle. The textbook under consideration is more user friendly and aligned with the newly revised AP Course.
- There is currently not enough textbooks to cover the projected enrollment; makes good sense, if having to order, to order the next texts.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the above noted courses and textbooks as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Patricia Paige*

*Board Clerk*

*Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Patricia Paige, Board Clerk*