

Minutes of the Planning Committee of the Board of Education
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A meeting of the Planning Committee of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Tuesday June 25, 2013 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were Superintendent Jody Ian Goeler, Committee Chair Maryanne Van Aken, and Committee Members Pam Zmek, Gary Suslavich, Principals Alice Jones, MaryLou Torre, Vice Principal Jose Martinez, Chuck Cosgriff and Student Vincent Pistrutto

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 4:35pm.

The committee discussed the following:

1. Review AP History Text Book for use at NHS :

J. Martinez presented **Unfinished Nation** by Alan Brinkley for approval to replace the current textbook used in AP History. This new textbook is more concise with less narrative and will allow the students to move more quickly thru the information. K. Uniake will augment this textbook with primary source documents. The Committee recommended BOE approval at the July 15th meeting.

2. Review New Common Core aligned K-8 Math Program:

J. Martinez thanked the **R14 Math Curriculum Team**: T. Cull, NHS, N. Cowles, NHS, A. Madden, WMS, L. Valla, WMS, K. Scruggs, MES, M. Marshall, MES, T. Zeno, MES, B. Dains, BES, T. Prescott, BES, A. Campbell, BES for all of their hard work in developing our new Math program. Their work included a Region 14 Program Philosophy for Math, 6 Guiding Principles, Grade Level Curriculum Map and Content Standards. The entire program will cost approximately \$30,000. including all textbooks, and materials and 3 days of PD for all K-8 Staff members during the year as well as support on the McGraw-Hill website. The Committee recommended BOE approval at the July 15th meeting.

3. Discussion of Mid-Term Exams at NHS:

According to J. Martinez NHS stopped giving Mid-Term Exams about 3 years ago, when the NEASC review was just beginning. The Dept. Chairs, Teachers and Adm. want to reinstate Mid-Term Exams for the 2013-2014 school year. G. Suslavich suggested a review of busing issues during the exam schedules.

4. Discussion of early release days at elementary level:

M. Torre requested the BOE look at providing early release days on Mondays to coincide with the schedules of WMS and NHS. The Committee requested M. Torre attend the July 15th BOE meeting and present her plan to the entire Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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