

Waterbury Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting

October 29, 2020

Meeting called to order 5:38 PM by Commissioner Tom Van Stone

Agenda:

Item 1-Seal of Biliteracy

Presenter – Mr. Darren Schwartz and Mrs. Adela Jorge-Ferguson

Informational review of the Seal of Biliteracy Program

- 1) Eligibly requirements include All English Language Arts (ELA) graduation requirements are complete and must demonstrate proficiency in language other than English in Grades 10, 11, or 12 at a level comparable to “Intermediate Mid” on the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines.
- 2) Team discuss that the Waterbury District now has over 40 languages among the student population.
- 3) Currently languages in the Program are Arabic, French, German, Hindu, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin Chinese. Currently Albanian is not in the program.
- 4) Commissioner Hernandez discussed with the presenters the number of students in the program.

Motion was requested by the Chair to request to the President of the Board that the presentation be made to the full Board at the next available workshop. Moved by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno. Committee voted 5 Yea, 0 Nays, 0 abstain. Chair will make request.

Item 2- African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Course of Study

Presenter – Mr. Darren Schwartz

Informational review of African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Course of Study

- 1) Mr. Schwartz reviewed the current timeline laid out by the State Education Resource Center (SERC).
- 2) Mr. Schwartz reviewed the define units of study for all curriculum that will be proposed.
- 3) Mr. Schwartz reviewed an outline of the Curriculum Document.
- 4) Vice President Harvey made note that the community is very interested in seeing this available.

Motion was requested by the Chair to request to the President of the Board that the presentation be made to the full Board at the next available workshop. Moved by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno. Committee voted 5 Yea, 0 Nays, 0 abstain. Chair will make request.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Orso and seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno.
Motion passed and Committee adjourned at 6:20 PM