

## Waterbury BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting

July 14, 2020 (Virtual)

### Attendees:

Committee members: Commissioner Tom Van Stone (Chair)  
Commissioner VP Karen Harvey (Vice-Chair)  
Commissioner Melissa Serrano-Adorno  
Commissioner Rocco Orso

Non-Committee Superintendent Dr. Verna Ruffin  
Deputy Superintendent Dr. Greg Rodriguez  
Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz  
Career and Technical Education Mike Merati  
Social Studies K-12 Veda Harris  
IT Manager Will Zhuta

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM

Three topics came before the Committee

- 1) Request approval of new courses 8795/8796 MS Robotics & Automation 1&2
  - a. Presentation and overview of the information provided by Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Merati
  - b. Discussion followed
    - i. Commissioner's questioned the subject matter
    - ii. Commissioner's questioned connection to First Robotics
  - c. Motion made by CMSR. Serrano-Adorno to move forward to the next BOE Regular Meeting to approve curriculum and second by VP Harvey
  - d. Votes: Passed 4-0 Yea – Chairman Van Stone, VP Harvey, CMSR Serrano-Adorno, and CMSR Orso
  
- 2) Request approval of new high school Course Construction 1&2
  - a. Presentation and overview of the information provided by Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Merati
  - b. Open discussion
  - c. Motion made by CMSR. Serrano-Adorno to move forward to the next BOE Regular Meeting to approve curriculum and second by VP Harvey
  - d. Votes: Passed 4-0 Yea – Chairman Van Stone, VP Harvey, CMSR Serrano-Adorno, and CMSR Orso
  
- 3) Request approval of new high school courses 609/610/612/613 Into to Eagles' Business, Bulldog Business, Bulldogs' Business, Wildcats' Business, Spartans' Business.
  - a. Presentation and overview of the information provided by Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Merati
  - b. Open discussion
  - c. Motion made by CMSR. Serrano-Adorno to move forward to the next BOE Regular Meeting to approve curriculum and second by VP Harvey
  - d. Votes: Passed 4-0 Yea – Chairman Van Stone, VP Harvey, CMSR Serrano-Adorno, and CMSR Orso - no – none

- 4) Request approval of new Waterbury Career Academy course 6686U Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) UCONN WCA.
  - a. Presentation and overview of the information provided by Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Merati
  - b. Open discussion
  - c. Motion made by CMSR. Serrano-Adorno to move forward to the next BOE Regular Meeting to approve curriculum and second by VP Harvey
  - d. Votes: Passed 4-0 Yea – Chairman Van Stone, VP Harvey, CMSR Serrano-Adorno, and CMSR Orso
- 5) Open Discussion: African American/Latino Course of Studies (P.A.19-12)
  - a. Presentation of the SERC path forward and committees provided by Mr. Schwartz and Mrs. Veda Harris
  - b. No votes taken
  - c. Request made to have a similar presentation and discussion at a future BOE Workshop
- 6) Adjourn 7:35 p.m.