

Waterbury BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting
July 1, 2020 (Virtual)

Attendees:

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

Non-Committee Commissioner Liz Brown
Superintendent Dr. Verna Ruffin
Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz
Career and Technical Education Mike Merati
IT Manager Will Zhuta

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Three topics came before the Committee

- 1) PDK International – Educator’s Rising online curriculum to prepare high school students to become teachers.
 - a. Presentation and overview of the information provided by Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Merati
 - b. Discussion followed
 - i. Commissioner’s questioned the subject matter and the vendor’s personnel demographics.
 - c. Actions: Mr. Schwartz to provide additional resources about the vendor.
 - d. Motion made by CMSR. Serrano-Adorno to move forward to the next BOE Regular Meeting to approve curriculum and second by CMSR Hernandez
 - e. Votes: Passed 4-1 Yea – Chairman Van Stone, CMSR Serrano-Adorn, CMSR Hernandez, and CMSR Orso
No – VP Harvey

- 2) Precision Exams, LLC – Career Aptitude and Industry Recognized assessment online platform
 - 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 5-0 Yea – Chairman Van Stone, VP Harvey, CMSR Serrano-Adorn, CMSR Hernandez, and CMSR Orso

- 3) Precision Exams, LLC – Strivven Media, LLC – Virtual Job Shadow
 - a. Presentation and overview of the information provided by Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Merati
 - b. Open discussion
 - c. No vote taken, informational only

- 4) General Action: Mr. Schwartz to work with Superintendent to show all 3 presentations to the Board at the next available Workshop.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Minutes prepared by Commissioner Tom Van Stone.