



Your future begins here.  
**Region 14 Schools**

Serving the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury

---

**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education  
Curriculum Committee  
Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 4:00 p.m.  
Nonnewaug High School  
Agriscience Building, Room 453A

**Present**

Jonathan Kapstein, Chair  
Carol Ann Brown  
James Crocker (ex-officio)

**Absent**

Tikva Rose  
Mike Devine

**Also Present**

Brian Murphy, Superintendent of Schools  
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Devon Bares, Business Teacher, Nonnewaug High School  
Conor Gereg, English Teacher, Nonnewaug High School  
Jennifer Trocolla, Special Education Teacher, Nonnewaug High School

**I. Call to order**

Jonathan Kapstein called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**II. New Course Proposals – ECE (Early College Experience)**

A. Microeconomics/UConn ECE Econ 1201 and Macroeconomics/UConn ECE Econ 1202

A number of Nonnewaug High School alumni indicated that further exposure in the area of economics would better prepare them for post-graduate pursuits in business related professions.

Both courses are semester electives, requiring at least one year of exposure to the rigor of high school coursework and a foundation in algebra and world history. Once approved, both courses will be included in the program of studies so that students can begin enrolling for the 23/24 school year. The course content will coincide with that of the UConn courses and some of the content was adapted syllabi from Fairfield University and UPenn. A UConn transcript will note the credits granted at the end of the course.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve Microeconomics/UConn ECE Econ 1201 as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to accept/approve

Macroeconomics/UConn ECE Econ 1202 as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

B. **Building Bridges**

Building Bridges is a special education course designed to build a bridge between middle school and high school in a more structured format than an academic lab. It is a one-credit, elective course designed for Freshmen and Sophomores with individualized education plans to learn study skills, time management, test taking skills, and transition skills. The class would take the place of an academic lab to include opportunities to learn and practice the skills utilizing their academic work and assessments from their other courses.

Students will be designated for the course through the PPT process and identified as those who have executive functioning deficit, i.e planning, organizing, prioritizing, etc. and/or require transition skills.

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve Building Bridges as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

III. **Curriculum for Approval**

A. AP English Literature and Composition/UConn ECE English 1007

The existing AP Literature course was reformatted to address Vision of a Learner attributes and to tether them to the existing curriculum.

The ECE element encourages students to engage with the skills that are taught across a variety of creative applications and incorporate some 21<sup>st</sup> Century modes of communication such as podcasts, web videos, and new age skills.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve AP English Literature and Composition/UConn ECE English 1007 as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Patricia Paige*

*Board Clerk*

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