

SUFFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee

Suffield High School

DATE: October 2, 2023

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendees: Board members Tracy Cloyd, Melissa Finnigan and Maureen Sattan; Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi, Suffield High School Assistant Principal Shannon Insero, Superintendent Van Tasel (arrived 6:00 p.m.)

- I. Call to Order – Board Chair Maureen Sattan called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
- II. Capstone Mastery/Advisory – Assistant Superintendent Zawawi reviewed the recent law change which makes the one-credit mastery-based diploma assessment (e.g. capstone) an optional graduation requirement at the Board of Education’s discretion. Assistant Principal Insero reviewed current BOE graduation requirements policy and the current Wildcat Advisory program. Board members discussed the merits of the current capstone program and the process to roll back the current capstone requirement. With the recommendation of SHS and district administration, the C&I Subcommittee will refer the relevant policy to the Policy Subcommittee for review, with a recommendation to move away from the stand-alone capstone portfolio currently housed within the advisory program, perhaps waiving the requirement for even the Class of 2024, based on the new law.
- III. A C&I Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled in early/mid-November. Future meeting dates will then be established after the new subcommittee is seated after the November election.