



**Minutes
Special Meeting
Curriculum Committee
Tuesday, December 12, 2023; 2:30 p.m.
Central Office
Conference Room**

Board Committee Members Present

Carol Ann Brown, Chair
Alice Jones
Jim Crocker

Absent

Tikva Rose

Also Present

Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning
Dr. Jason Bouchard
Will Michaels

I. Call to order

Carol Ann Brown called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Course Proposals for Nonnewaug High School

II. Video Game Design 2

Video Game Design 2 is a half-year course proposed for students in grades 10-12 that will be offered through the Tech Ed Media Arts Department. Gdevelop Game Design Software will be used to code and design games. A prerequisite to the course is the completion and passing of Video Game Design 1. Game design provides a substantial amount of problem-solving and multiple-solution outcomes. Students will have the option to share their designs with college admission representatives and community members. For those students interested in pursuing game design as a career path or in higher education, the material can be shared or used to develop their own games that could someday become commercially successful.

Motion

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve the course proposal as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

III. Jazz Band

Jazz Band is a course proposed for students in grades 9-12. Prerequisites include concert band, orchestra, chorus, piano class, or guitar class. The Jazz Band course is a curricular-performing orchestra available to all students who presently play or have an interest in learning a jazz instrument. Students will gain knowledge and appreciation of Jazz music and the styles of swing, bebop, cool, modern big band, fusion, dixieland, and the blues. The Jazz ensemble will perform at concerts, public and civic functions.

Motion

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve the course proposal as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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