



**Minutes  
Special Meeting  
Curriculum Committee  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024; 2:30 p.m.  
Central Office  
Conference Room**

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**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  
Mykal Kuslis, Principal, Nonnewaug High School  
Dr. Jason Bouchard, Director of Fine Arts  
Jennifer Jedd, Agriscience Department Chair  
Katie Gorman, Livestock Production Teacher

**I. Call to order**

Jim Crocker called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

**II. New Curriculum for Nonnewaug High School**

**A. Large Animal Science (Grade 10)**

Large Animal Science is an updated version of an existing course. It is divided into three components, Livestock Husbandry, Livestock Facility Design, and Animal Products. Students will explore a variety of experiences related to the science, art, and practical needs of caring for, improving, and managing livestock, as well as concepts of food science and technology.

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

**III. New Course Proposals**

**A. Dramatic Musical Theater**

Dramatic Musical Theater, a year-long course, is an additional vocal offering for students in grades 9-12. It will add another performance option for students to study music and the first

course that will allow students to study drama and theater craft.

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.

**B. Work Study Program**

The program provides select students in their junior and senior year an opportunity to meet their academic requirements for graduation while gaining valuable work experience. Students will build the knowledge, skills, and self-confidence to be successful in higher education, the workplace, and all aspects of post-secondary life. Students will need approval of an administrator in order to enroll and must maintain passing grades in all of their classes.

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.

**IV. Dual Credit Enrollment Grant**

For informational purposes only.

The district was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the State of Connecticut to increase the dual credit enrollment opportunities for students at the high school. Looking to align district course offerings with college offerings to provide additional ECE opportunities for Region 14 students.

**Adjourn**

Jim Crocker made a motion, seconded by Alice Jones to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m. all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

*Patricia Paige*  
*Board Clerk*

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