

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING – MATH CURRICULUM REVIEW OF ST. MARIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 held in the Board Room at the District Office, 240 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Maries, Idaho, Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustee Beth Halvorsen

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Chair Jody Hendrickx, Vice-Chair Sandy Kennelly, and Trustees Mark Reynolds and Jody Terrell

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Rensch, Madysen Baldwin, James Buckler, Aaron Cloud, Megan Davis, Kyla Lyons, Heidi Hodgson, and Chelsea Hosford

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeni Darnold, Pinky Humphrey, Brittany Nelson, Carrie Nordin, and Paul Sotin, Kristy Tucker, and Brianne Watkins

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Victoria Carson, St. Maries Middle School Principal, Cassie Jolliff, Waylon Newton, and Teianna Osborn

Superintendent Teresa Rensch convened the meeting/work session at 4:31 p.m., at the District Office, 240 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Maries, Idaho, on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Victoria Carson, St. Maries Middle School Principal, was absent. The purpose of the meeting was to gather information from the groups and share out by teams the scores and establish a pilot plan to be implemented by teachers.

Superintendent Rensch suggested scoring their top three choices out of six. The committee members took a few minutes to discuss and familiarize themselves with the notes from the previous meetings.

At 4:46 p.m., discussion pursued and the teams shared their scores using the Math Textbook Curriculum Evaluation Tool.

Each of the four teams shared their ratings:

All four teams selected *Envision* by Savvas as the top or second selection.

The St. Maries High School team selection was *Into Math* by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt as their top selection.

Two of the three teams selected *Dimensions* by Singapore Math as their top or second selection.

The above three Math curriculums will be the ones that St. Marie Joint School District No. 41 will pilot.

Committee member Jeni Darnold led a discussion about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Critical Race Theory (CRT) being in some of the math textbook selections.

The pilot process will begin in early January for approximately five to six weeks and the selections were as follows:

- Envision Math for K-8
- Into Math for St. Maries High School

For the next pilot:

- Singapore Dimensions Math for K- 8
- Into Math or Envision Math

St. Maries Middle School Principal Carson will communicate with the committee members in January regarding the next meeting date.

The Math Curriculum will be available to review until Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Two Elementary School teachers have reviewed the curriculum.

There being no further business for which the meeting was called, the meeting/work session concluded at 5:43 p.m., Wednesday, December 13, 2023.



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Tanna M. Wicks  
Board Clerk