Minutes
Special Meeting
Curriculum Committee
Tuesday, May 28, 2024; 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
Devon Bares, Faculty
Rebecca Trzaski, Faculty

I. Call to order

Carol Ann Brown called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

II. Curriculum Document Approvals:

A. MOS Certification

The course is designed to prepare students for Microsoft Office Specialist Exams: Word 2016, Excel 2016, PowerPoint 2016, Access 2016 and Outlook 2016. Units include Online Essentials, Computer Essentials, Common Office Features, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. The course is offered to students in grades 9-12.

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.

B. Personal Finance

The course, which will be available to students in grades 9-12, is designed to cover all of the essential personal finance topics necessary for students to become financially literate. Focuses include taxes, banking, credit, budgeting, investing, and career planning.

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.

C. AP European History

This college-level challenging course is structured around the exploration of five themes in four different sequential periods from Renaissance to the present. Students will be provided with the opportunity to develop their analytical and interpretive writing skills, practicing short-answer questions as well as document based and long-essay questions.

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.

D. AP Government

The course provides a college-level, nonpartisan introduction to key political concepts, ideas, institutions, policies, interactions, roles, and behaviors that characterize the constitutional system and political culture of the United States. Students will engage in disciplinary practices that require them to read and interpret data, make comparisons and applications, and develop evidence-based arguments.

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.

Course Approval:

A. SAT/NGSS Prep

The course is open to all juniors who would like to improve their performance on standardized testing.

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

III. Graduation Requirements

Nonnewaug High School has defined graduation requirements, which they believe promotes the district's mission. In order to graduate from Nonnewaug High School, students are required to earn the minimum number of credits in the required areas, demonstrate academic competency in numeracy and literacy by meeting one of the standardized measures required of students, and perform a minimum of 18 hours community service.

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

unanimously.

IV. Middle School ELA Workbook Review

Region 14 Policy 6161 and Regulation 6161A describe the criteria and guiding principles for the selection of learning materials and were brought before the committee for review.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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