

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting

September 24, 2024

Suffield Middle School Room C120

Attendees: Board members Melissa Finnigan, Maureen Sattan, Gianna Rossi, Debra Dudack, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi, Sharon Goulet, Diana Kelley and Jana Volpe

Call to Order at 8:30am

Discussion of Special Education Services at Suffield Public Schools:

The Special Education leadership team presented the service delivery model for students who receive special education services.

They discussed that special education services range from the Least Restrictive Environment to the Most Restrictive Environment. All decisions are made at a Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting.

Josh Burrows entered the meeting at 8:42pm

Spaulding and McAlister provide push in and pull out services (Resource Room) and for a small number of students a separate classroom with opportunities for participation in general education instruction/activities throughout the day. McAlister is also exploring a team teaching approach during the reading block in grade 5. The instructional arrangement consists of 2 classroom teachers, 1 special education teacher and 1 reading interventionist.

Suffield Middle School also provides push-in and pull out services as well as co-taught classes especially in the subjects of Math and ELA. Suffield High School provides co-taught classes in the subjects of Math, ELA, Science and Civics/History. Students may also receive instruction in a resource room for Executive Functioning, Literacy and Math.

The Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) provides students with support (academic/social-emotional) prior to a student being referred to special education. The district continues to monitor and strengthen its Tier 1 practices.

Budget implications around unfunded mandates were discussed in addition to ensuring the current staffing levels can fulfill the legal requirements of service delivery.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.