



**Regional School District 17
Board of Education
Curriculum Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Chair: Kathy Zandi**

A meeting of the Regional School District 17 Curriculum Subcommittee was held on December 10, 2024, in the Central Office Board Room.

Subcommittee Members Present: Kathy Zandi, Lisa Connelly, Suzanne Sack (remote-joined at 6:30)

Subcommittee Members Absent: Heather Pach

Other Attendees: Curriculum Coordinators Heather Rigatti and Jennifer Beermuender, HKHS Principal Donna Hayward, HKHS Assistant Principal Adam Apicella

Call to Order/Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Kathy Zandi.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Lisa Connelly **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Opportunities Book-High School

Principal Donna Hayward and Assistant Principal Adam Apicella presented the 2025-2026 Opportunities Book, including new course proposals, overviews, and descriptions. They explained current and future graduation requirements, including changes from previous years.

Curriculum Textbook Proposals

- Exercise and Wellness for Everyone
 - This new course may replace Health 2 and would provide UCONN ECE
- Popular Music and Diversity in American Society
 - UCONN ECE new course pilot

Legislative Curriculum Updates

Jenn Beermuender and Heather Rigatti discussed new legislative updates that affect the curriculum with the committee.

- Play-based Learning - Public Act 23-159
- Bullying Law - Conn. Gen. Stat § Section 10-222
- Mandated Professional Development - Public Act 24-45, Section 2
 - PDEC can determine the manner and frequency of the mandatory training, which must be provided at least once every five years. There were also some amendments to the requirements.
- High School/Community-Technical College Partnership - Public Act 24-93, Section 8
 - Requires regional community-technical colleges to consult with administrators and counselors at public high schools located within their state region.
 - RSD17 Impact on Teaching and Learning: Heather Rigatti has met with CT State Community College (at Middlesex) to begin articulation of Career and Technical Education programs.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.