

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
Trumbull High School Main Office Conference room

Minutes

I. Call to Order/Introduction-

The meeting was called to order 8:37 a.m.

Members Present

M. Petitti, BOE Curriculum Committee Chair

L.Nuland, BOE Member

S.Iwanicki, Ed.D, administrative designee

Members Absent

J.McNamee, BOE Member

II. Public Comment- No public comment was received.

III. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 12-10-2024 Mrs. Nuland motioned to approved the minutes of 12-10-2024. Mrs. Petitti seconded.

IV. New Business

- a. Curriculum Guide Revision: *Honors Geometry*-- Mrs. Ascone and Mr. Zultowski presented the new changes to the guide. They both noted that the previous guide was high-quality, but dated. The guide was aligned with the Common Core Geometry standards and added coordinate Geometry. Triangular inequalities were also dropped. It is not part of the Common Core for the high school grade level. Technology pieces were also added. Mrs. Nuland motioned to approve the *Honors Geometry* curriculum guide reviews for review by the full Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. They motion passed unanimously.
- b. New Course & Pilot Curriculum Guide Request-- *Honors Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) Principles of Marketing*—Department Chair, Christina Rustate, explained that Trumbull High School (THS) currently offers the Housatonic Principles of Marketing and the department has decided to transfer the course to the Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) Principles of Marketing, also for university credit. We will no longer be teaching the Housatonic course. Southern aligns with the Connecticut University credit system as well. Mrs. Petitti noted that we have other courses within THS that are also offered for Southern credit. Enrollment is \$65 and with that price, students can

take other courses as well. Ms. Rusate shared that the course curriculum guide is essentially the same content that was taught in the previous course offered by Housatonic. She will be bringing a text forward for review by the committee later this year. Mrs. Nuland motioned to approve the new course and pilot curriculum guide for *Honors Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) Principles of Marketing* for review by the full Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. They motion passed unanimously.

- c. Curriculum Guide Revision: *Drafting & Design*—Along with Department Chair Christina Rusate, educator Mr. Amatore presented the course revision and explained that it was last updated in 1993. At that time, students sketched a lot in paper in pencil. Mr. Bracksieck, who taught the course this year, joined the conversation. The educators noted that while the course still involves 2-dimensional paper and pencil, various technologies, engineering, and 3-D concepts are now interwoven as they build up skills to an *actual product*. Students work towards a balsa wood tower project that they design in CAD and then make. They then test their project and write up a reflection report—for example, what worked, what did not work, the materials used, and the cost. Ms. Rusate noted that the students walk away with problem solving and critical thinking skills. Mr. Bracksieck added that the engineering mindset of trying something and finding out if it works, is incredibly important for the students. Mr. Amatore furthered that observing the different ways that a project can be completed or a problem solved are also important. Mrs. Nuland motioned to approve the updated curriculum guide for *Drafting & Design* for review by the full Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. They motion passed unanimously.
- d. Curriculum Guide Revision: *Wood Technology 2* Ms. Rusate shared that this is a new guide for a course that we have been teaching for a while. Mr. Amatore explained that this version of Wood Technology is similar to Wood Technology 2, but the skills progress from the step stool in Wood Technology 1 to a chair in Wood Technology 2. As students have mastered basic skills, they can now engage in a personal project at a quicker space. Students have more time to explore and pick different projects. Mrs. Nuland motioned to approve the updated curriculum guide for *Wood Technology 2* for review by the full Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. They motion passed unanimously.

V. Review of Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates for 2025

- a. The following dates were agreed upon for the rest of the 2024-2025 school year—
Wednesday, Feb 5th, Thursday, March 27th, and Thursday, May 15th For the 2025-2026 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.