

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 8:30 a.m.
Trumbull High School Main Office Conference room

Minutes

- I. Call to Order/Introduction. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

Members Present

M.Petitti, BOE Curriculum Committee Chair

J.McNamee, BOE Member

L.Nuland, BOE Member

S.Iwanicki, Ed.D, administrative designee

- II. Public Comment. No public comment was received.
- III. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting 2-5-2025 Ms. McNamee made a motion to approve the February 5th, 2025 Minutes. Mrs. Nuland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. New Business
- a. Middle School Math Pilot Outcomes: *Ed Gems* Programmatic Text Update.
1. Mrs. Petitti – noted the clear explanations of the text; models in the pictures that as a former math teacher she feels are appropriate.
 2. Mrs. Nuland asked about how the text prepares them in Grade 8 for the THS curriculum. Mrs. Sherrick noted that due to the robust nature of the program, it should better prepare them.
 3. Julia moved, Lisa seconded. The motion passed.
- b. Career and Technological Education Requests
1. New Course Request: *Digital Media 2*.
Mrs. Rusate shared that we will be hopefully using the television studio for the course Digital Media 2. She is excited that with a firm foundation in Digital Media 1, the studio will allow students to really apply and grow skills in Digital Media 2. Ms. McNamee noted that the class allows many students to shine and she knows of resources that may help if needed. Mrs. Nuland noted that everything is moving towards marketing and media. Knowing the content behind it will be important. Mr. Bracksieck added that after the shot framing, camera aspects, and file management, Digital Media 2 will build on this base with studio techniques with a huge graphic design aspect. They hope to eventually do some video announcements and digital journalism. Mrs. Nuland moved to approve the Digital Media 2. Ms. McNamee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. New Text Request: *Foundations of Marketing*. Mrs. Rusate shared that this text is being updated for the Southern Connecticut University credit. It is more user friendly, updated and graphically pleasing. Mrs. Nuland also noted the graphic design is beautiful. Ms. McNamee moved to approve the text *Foundations of Marketing* to the full Board for approval, and Mrs. Nuland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Science: Curriculum Revision Update: *Grade 9 Integrated Physical Science*. Department Chair Tom Edwards shared that the course is a blend of topics that are very similar to Earth Science with heavy dose of Physical Science. This curriculum was last updated in 2018 and the team noticed that it needed to be updated- topics consolidated, timing realigned to fit new schedule, and a further emphasis on earth's resources and that there is a finite amount of non-renewable resources. Ms. McNamee asked about the certifications needed to teach the course and Mr. Edwards shared that anyone with a secondary Science certification can teach the course. Mrs. Petitti noted the changes that have occurred in Earth Science over the years. Mrs. Nuland motioned to move the Curriculum Revision Update: *Grade 9 Integrated Physical Science* to the full Board for approval. Ms. McNamee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. World Language: New Course Request: *Classic Mythology/ECE Latin*. Maria Kopstein and Amy Harkenreader presented the new course request *Classic Mythology/ECE Latin*. This course will cover classic texts such as *Ovid* with a modern take. The course is taught mostly in English with passages read in Latin. Ms. McNamee noted a poetry resource that would fit nicely within the class. Mrs. Nuland asked about current enrollment. There is currently one section of this course. This course will merge into the Latin honors course. Mrs. Petitti made a motion to move the New Course Request: *Classic Mythology/ECE Latin* to the full Board for approval. Ms. Nuland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. History
 1. New Text Request: *Issues in Economics Today*

Mrs. Rubano shared that there are four sections of Honors UConn Economics this year. This text seems to fit the major topics of the course. Mr. Springsteen offered that the current text is very dated and this text offers more information about macroeconomics and the tools that the Federal reserve uses. Ms. McNamee noted that for some topics it would be important to refer to contemporary viewpoints to ensure that all views are considered. Mr. Springsteen shared that the course often uses other materials to supplement the course and provide balance. Ms. McNamee motioned to approve the New Text Request: *Issues in Economics Today* and move it to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. New Text Request: *Freedom on My Mind*

Mrs. Rubano shared that AP History may not run due to enrollment; however, they are excited about the possibility. This text was selected as the recommended text by AP and Taft for the AP credit. Ms. McNamee shared that, after the AP Exam, it would be worth looking at some of the framing and sources regarding contemporary issues and the way they are presented in the text. Ms. McNamee motioned to approve the New Text Request: *Freedom on My Mind* and move it to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Nuland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- f. Other- Next Meeting May 15 The committee discussed that there are currently no presenters signed up for the May meeting and several Board members have very busy schedules. Ms. McNamee motioned to cancel the May meeting and hold a Special Meeting in June if needed. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.