

Quality Assurance Committee
Meeting June 12, 2006
6 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: Chairwoman Thompson, Commissioner Henley, Board staff L. Dunsmoor, District staff C. Holloway, D. Harloff, M. Chan. Commissioner Elliott absent.

Chairwoman Thompson convened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

1) Science Textbook Proposal

Director of Science Michael Chan discussed textbook recommendations for General Chemistry and General Physics for Grades 11-12. A committee of teachers, administrators, and parents reviewed several textbooks before forwarding the recommendation. Students also reviewed the finalists. The last textbook adoption for these courses was approved in 1993.

Chairwoman Thompson asked if the text will be available in Spanish and if enough will be ordered for all students to have his/her own book to take home. Dr. Chan said that none of the seven vendors contacted had a Spanish text available. A sufficient number will be ordered for all course participants. The new book will provide consistency across the district -- all classes will be using the same text.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Henley, second by Chairwoman Thompson, approved 2-0 with Commissioner Elliott absent.

2) Grades 7-8 Music Textbook

Director of Fine Arts Deborah Harloff discussed the proposed textbook, which was recommended by a committee that included secondary music teachers, an instructor from Eastman Pathways, a parent, and an administrator. The music textbooks will be purchased in classrooms sets only; the text has not been updated since the early 1990s. The text, Silver Burdett's "Making Music," was selected for its authentic, high-quality recordings; multi-cultural approach; resources, and connection to NYS and national standards for the arts.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Henley, second by Chairwoman Thompson, approved 2-0 with Commissioner Elliott absent.

3) Textbook Adoption Schedule

C. Michael Robinson provided the committee with a textbook adoption plan with implementation dates from September 2004 through September 2008. Chairwoman Thompson noted that, according to the schedule, no textbook recommendations would come to QA before May 2007.

4) Recruiting Compliance

Chairwoman Thompson reported that she met with Superintendent Rivera regarding military recruiting in District high schools. They are looking into the mechanisms and procedures clarifying when the District is

required to notify advocacy groups of military recruitment that is occurring on school grounds. The Superintendent will report on how Board policies are being implemented regarding this issue.

5) JROTC

Chairwoman Thompson noted that this project is concluding and she is looking forward to discussing it with the full Board at the June Business Meeting. She asked for a recommendation that JROTC be discussed at the June meeting; motion by Commissioner Henley, second by Chairwoman Thompson, approved 2-0 with Commissioner Elliott absent.

Next meeting date:

July 10, 6 p.m., tentative pending DICA report.

Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Henley, second by Chairwoman Thompson, approved at 6:40 p.m.