CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order at 4:10 pm

B. Present:

Jen Kless, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Aubree Malick, Chairperson
Dr Genelle Morris, Superintendent
Jackie Reed, District Clerk
Jen Mahar, Director of Special Programs
Betty Burrows
Cathy Young, BOE President
Mary Hirsch Schena (4:23 p.m.)

2. DISCUSSION

A. OCSD Science Needs Assessment Update

Jen Kless presented update on the OCSD Science Needs Assessment .
The Needs Committee met on February 5th and reviewed various curriculum programs, and then again on March 13th to specifically review Savvas Experience Science and Inspire Science for Gr. K-5, and Inspire Science for Grade 6-8.
Inspire Science is an updated version of the current program.
After viewing the sample materials and reviewing the teacher surveys, the committee made a recommendation for Inspire Science for Grade K-5 and Inspire Science for Grades 6 through 8.
It is a comprehensive piece, which is important because it has the same vocabulary as teachars and students move through the components.
The teachers liked the alignment to the standards, usability, instructional quality, and professional development piece of the McGraw Hill curriculum.
Jen Kless displayed a sample of the curriculum and gave the Committee an overview of the different grade levels.
Grades 6, 7 and 8 are ready for implementation, Grades 4 and 5 may require more PD before they can implement the curriculum.

The committee found that the biggest piece missing from the current situation was the teacher instruction piece that is incorporated into the Inspire Curriculum.

A discussion occurred on Computer Based Testing (CBT) vs Paper Based Testing (PBT) and how an AI element might be a good way to resolve the issues of having all CBT or all PBT, allowing for multiple choice and constructed responses.
A discussion occurred about keyboarding, which starts in 1st grade. The District uses the Keyboarding Club platform from CA Boces.
Currently a scope and sequence is being constructed, which will include manuscript, cursive and keyboarding.

Dr. Morris acknowledged the hard work and professionalism Jen Kless had demonstrated fascilitating Needs Assessments over the past 3 years first ELA, then Math, then Science.
Math grades 4-5 implemented Savass math. Next year will be K-3.
Jen Kless gave an update on 6, 7, and 8 math curriculum and their work aligining with the standards as they countered anew program. So they worked on curriculum maps and their accessibility to teachers that needs them.

B. OCSD PK-3 Standards Based Report Card Redesign Update

SBRC Remodel Update (K, 1, 2, 3)

Jen Kless shared NY Inspires initiatve introduced in 24-26 by NYSED

SBRC report card was created in 2016.

1. Define Purpose - communicate current progress on each student in mastering the NYSED grade level standards in ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science.
2. Develop Reporting Standards - Communicating information to families (parent friendly).
3. Establish Rubrics - align what we are using to grade students.
4. Develop the report card layout - Math & ELA; Social Studies & Science, Music, Art, Physical Education; Technology
5. Implementation Year 1 (26-27 School Year)

ELA and Math data assessments, analysis and heat maps were used to develop the reporting standards.
Samples of seven different districts' report cards were collected to review and compare to create the draft.
The District wants to give families need the most up-to-date picture.
Grades 1, 2, and 3 would like a percentage added to the current grading method for the core areas.

C. Summer STAR Update

Jen Mahar gave a brief summary of the summer STAR program.

- The program will have similar structure to past years.
- It will be held at Olean High School
- 4 hours per day Monday through Friday from July 6th to July 31st with the program's final performance, "Suessical Jr." on July 31st.
- There will be enrichment and adademic pieces, as well as physical activities, possibly adding pool time this year.
- The program is expanding to include Grade 7 this year.
- Adding a technical piece for older students likely 6 and 7 depending on the number of student participants.
- Breakfast and lunch programs will be included.
- The program will try to accommodate all students who enroll.
- M-F 7:30 to 8 am till 11:30 and then lunch from 11:30 to noon
- A partnership with Olean Theatre Workshop provides grant funding for some pieces of the program.

3. ADJOURNMENT
A. Adjournment at 5:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wendesday, June 3, 2026 at 4:00 in the PLC Conference Room.