

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Special Meeting

May 22, 2026

Suffield Middle School Room C120

Attendees: Assistant Superintendent Norbut, Maureen Sattan, Melissa Finnigan, Greg Sparzo, Brian Fry, Ken Smith and Tena Reiser

Call to Order at 8:34 a.m.

Amplify ELA Pilot Update:

Tena Reiser and Laura Norbut presented the plan for the pilot beginning next year at Suffield Middle School for a new ELA program/curriculum. The team reviewed the current units of study and made a schedule to integrate current units with the units provided by Amplify ELA. Some of the favorites like the Wax Museum and other units will remain and they will be following the 100 day pathway aligned to the Science of Reading. The units offer many cross-disciplinary work with both the Science and the Social Studies departments.

Tena Reiser and Ken Smith left the meeting at 8:53am.

Framework for Effective Tier 1 Instruction:

Assistant Superintendent Norbut presented the process by which they came up with a framework for all Tier 1 instruction. They surveyed the teachers and the team came up with the Top 5 pillars that will drive Tier 1 instruction in all classrooms. The pillars will also drive the professional development that will be held throughout the year.

The foundational supports are Safe Learning Communities and Clear Instructions, Routines and Expectations.

The pillars of instructional practice are Evidence-Based & Data Informed, Active Engaging & Collaborative and Responsive to All Learners. These pillars will drive teacher look-fors in the classroom as well as what the teachers will look for in the students during a lesson.

Public-Facing Curriculum:

The state is requiring all districts to detail their current curriculum on the school website for the public as of 7/2026. The teachers have worked diligently on updating the content of the web page with details of the current curriculum in all grades and subjects. This information will be distributed to the public by the end of June and the content will be updated as changes are made.

Summer 2026 Curriculum Writing:

There were 29 proposals for summer curriculum writing this year. The teachers who do the writing will receive a contractual hourly rate based on the project timeline. The projects are currently being reviewed and will be finalized soon.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44am.