Region 10 Board of Education
Curriculum Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
4:30 PM
Central Office Conference Room

Present: Scott Ragaglia (Co-Chair), Rachel McFadden (Co-Chair), Matt Szydlo, Cassandra DuBois, Scott Savelle, Vonetta Romeo-Rivers (Director of Teaching & Learning), Fran Thompson (Superintendent), Chris Rau (Principal LSM), Eric McKay (Wellness Coordinator K-12)

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.

2. A motion was made to approve the minutes of our meeting held on May 19, 2026, as written by Rachel McFadden and seconded by Matt Szydlo, approved unanimously.

3. Eric and Vonetta led a discussion regarding a new proposed UCONN ECE Course: ECE-KINS 1100. Exercise & Wellness for Everyone focuses on the 5 pillars for lifelong good health and would be offered to students in grade 11 & 12. It would replace the non-ECE course offered called Personal Safety. Three teachers at LSM are interested in being certified to teach the course. Once they are approved by UCONN they will go through the qualification steps late spring or 2027 to become certified instructors. Based on the planned timeline, the course can be offered to students to take in the Fall of 2027. The committee voted unanimously on the offering, and it will be presented to the BOE during the October meeting for first read. Textbook and online aspects of the course will be presented at the next curriculum meeting.

4. Back to school update: Good start of the school year. Only one key position open, which is for a school Psychologist at HCS, but the position is posted. In about a week a benchmark assessment will be completed regarding where each student is in their learning process. Information will go out to parents regarding how they can partner with the school to assist in their child's optimal learning experience.

5. New Staff & Faculty Orientation Overview: 23 certified and 13 non-certified new hires. Attracting more qualified candidates; 5-6 brand new teachers; collecting data re climate policies and increased effort throughout the district; growing excitement; unifying messages; setting Benchmarks; creating Open Houses to share messages. Student involvement to hear their voices.

6. Wit & Wisdom rollout K-4 is going well with both teacher and students are embracing. More feedback to come.

Adjourn @ 6pm.