

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2015**

The June 17, 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville, Chair at 5:08 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Ray Peabody and Michelle Middleton
Invited Guests: Sean Crane, Sarah Faulkner, John Dague
Audiences: None
Absent: Stacy Thurston

New Business:

New High School Social Studies Textbooks – S. Crane

Mr. Crane reviewed the changes for the proposed new U.S. History book for grade 11 students and teacher feedback. The textbook matches the Connecticut State Standards Frameworks and National Social Studies Standards. This book will replace American Anthem. The cost for a 6 year online subscription and textbooks is \$50,838. This also includes 75 Advanced Placement textbooks. The online textbooks would be updated constantly to reflect current events.

Mr. Neville would like Mr. Crane to expand the number of years for the on-line subscription for this price. He asked if there are enough teacher resources to allow SPED teachers to access these. Mr. Crane stated there are enough textbooks for them to use.

Mr. Peabody would like us to use more e-books and to be less reliant on textbooks. He would like us to get more e-books into our schools. He is looking for the vendors to assist with this.

Both Mr. Neville and Mr. Peabody approved the Social Studies Textbook purchase but would like Ms. Middleton to negotiate the price a bit more.

Next Generation Science Standards Adoption Feedback – S. Faulkner

Dr. Faulkner updated the Board about the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and the adoption process. She reviewed the goals and the differences between the NGSS and the State's current science standards. Students will now be required to take another year of science and will be assessed differently.

Mr. Peabody would like the students to be tested yearly on the content learned instead of being tested over several years.

Mr. Neville asked who would score the students. Dr. Faulkner stated testing would be done online. Mr. Neville has concerns with the technology.

Mr. Peabody and Mr. Neville would like to present this to the Town Council and Board at a joint meeting.

Dr. Faulkner reviewed the rollout plan to phase into the grades. Mr. Neville asked about costs for this. Dr. Faulkner stated they will need curriculum writing, resources and professional development. Mr. Neville would like us to collaborate with other districts to save on costs. Mr. Peabody is concerned with costs, timelines and the impact on teachers, students, parents and the budget.

Dr. Faulkner stated this was presented to all K-12 science teachers except for grade 3 teachers. Mr. Dague added the teachers were concerned about certification and how the NGSS will impact them.

Mr. Neville is concerned about the technology needed for testing and fees we need to know the requirements sooner rather than later.

K-2 Report Card Changes – M. Middleton

Ms. Middleton reviewed the changes to the K-2 report cards. They were based on parent feedback and feedback from the March curriculum meeting.

Mr. Neville would like to place this on the next Curriculum agenda for the entire committee to review.

Ms. Middleton will proceed with the revised report card per the directive of Mr. Neville.

Items from the Table - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer