

REGULAR MEETING – CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Litchfield Board of Education
Thursday, December 12, 2013, Central Office Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Fabbri (chair); Ms. Rosser; Mr. Waugh and Mr. Falcetti.

Also present: Dr. Wheeler, Mr. Simone, Mr. Parker, Ms. Turner, Ms. Della Volpe, Ms. McAdam and the public.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2013.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Communications – none

Public Comment

- Constant Contact – how enrollment might be increased.

Old Business - none

New Business

- a. Vocation Track Training: program has two certification levels for rope courses, 40 hour course, trains leadership skills, would be for grades 9-12, students can become certified as course supervisors, could be an independent study course.
- b. Restructuring Delivery of Reading Support Services: two teachers do reading recovery, another teacher is coaching teachers, helps students maintain what was learned in interventions.
- c. LHS Course of Studies: not many changes, Business Department working on modifying courses, use local business resources, AP Physics being rewritten.
- d. Senior Capstone Project: not a requirement but program is growing, the process is very important, now have three advisors.
- e. Social Studies K-12 Curriculum update:
 1. Center School – Common Core standards are incorporated into Social Studies program.
 2. Intermediate School - overview posted on website, incorporate Common Core standards, close reading is incorporated, need more source materials, 5th grade integrates more with Language Arts, 6th grade concentrates on Global perspectives.

3. High School – 7th grade is world regional studies, 8th grade is U.S. History with a Constitutional focus, 9-12 courses are the same, Western Humanities course has made many changes, using Common Core Standards.
- f. Mastery Based Diploma presentation: an up and coming program, was reviewed, compared the current system with Mastery Based System.

Curriculum Update: none

Personnel: none

Future Agenda Items

- a. Math K-12 Curriculum Update
- b. Wamogo/L.H.S. AP Psychology Course Update

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Rosser: to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald R. Falcetti