

REGULAR MEETING – CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Litchfield Board of Education
Thursday, February 12, 2015, Central Office Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Fabbri (chair); Mr. Waugh, Mr. Shuhi, and Mr. Simone

Members Absent: Ms. Rosser and Mr. Falcetti

Also present: Ms. McMullin, Ms. Della Volpe, Ms. Turner, Ms. Mongeau and the public.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2015.

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

Communications - none

Public Comment – none

New Business

- a. Discussion of Draft Survey Report –

MOTION made by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Wayne Shuhi: to table discussion to Thursday, March 12, 2015 when Christine Miskell and Angela Duhaime can attend.

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

- b. French Attrition Data – Attrition data presented; discussion about how long to continue French program; continue French program for present 7 & 8th grades for French 1 credit and 9th grade credit; difficulty finding French teacher; presently have retired French teacher who agrees to continue 7 & 8 and 9th grade French for next 2 years; 0.4 FTE; virtual classroom options discussed for upper classmen. Recommendation from this subcommittee to continue with French program for next two years in 7, 8, and 9th grades only, with on-line support for more advanced upperclassmen who want to continue.
- c. Math Program Update – Ms. McMullin discussed Envisions program; sample materials available; to visit local school districts that use program; to pilot in 1st & 4th grades in April; compatible with iPads and Chromebooks; parent feature.
- d. Preschool Expansion – Increasing program; blind lottery discussed; tuition discussed; tuition proposed to cover additional costs of expansion; discussion if tuition goes directly to school district or town.

Old Business - none

Curriculum Update – none

Personnel – discussion about Special Education position added to L.I.S. in the fall; is in this year's budget; question about this being a temporary position; need due to IEP's; this subcommittee to continue to assess L.I.S. schedule; Director of Business Operations position has a few applicants; Ms. McMullin and Mr. Poole to meet with applicants to determine if candidates move forward.

Future Agenda Items

- a. Discussion of Draft Survey Report – Christine Miskell and Angela Duhaime
- b. L.I.S. Schedule

MOTION made by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Mr. Shuhi: to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Fabbri