

REGULAR MEETING – CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Litchfield Board of Education
Thursday, April 14, 2016, Central Office Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Member Absent: Mr. Waugh.

Also present: Ms. McMullin, Ms. Pilon, Mr. Porri, Mr. Bucci, Ms. Bainbridge, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Della Volpe, Mr. Simone, Ms. Kubisek, Ms. Turner and Mr. Bongiorno.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Simone: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2016, as written.

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

Communications - none

Public Comment – none

New Business

- a. Art Curriculum: Reviewed course offerings for grades 9-12, a proposed course model was presented, pre-requisites for Art courses have been eliminated, new courses introduced were Fashion Design and Illustration and Character Design, enrollments in Art doubled for next year.
- b. Textbook Review: Presented was a Proposed Evaluation of Textbooks by level in the Spanish program, some curricular work will need to be done, the Santillana textbook was discussed, there is an e-text, need an increase of time at L.I.S. for the Spanish program, total cost of purchases would be within our budget.
- c. Music Curriculum: Students were surveyed, new class formed will be called Small Group Music Making, a project-based course designed to attract students to music in non-traditional program, student interest will drive the content of the course, open to singers, as well.
- d. Negotiating procedure for Teachers/Administrators contracts: Start off conversationally without lawyers to see if a contract can be agreed upon, Teachers contract negotiations will start in the fall, Administrators next year.
- e. Establish protocol for hiring a principal: A timeline was proposed, discussed a selection process, and discussed composition of the committee.

Old Business

- a. LIS schedule discussion: Additional 20 minutes per day, reviewed draft schedules for grades 4, 5 and 6.

- b. NEASC questions and answers on Curriculum and Instruction standards: No questions asked.

Future Agenda Items

- a. SRBI and Special Education Update – Julie Haggard

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Simone: to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald R. Falcetti