

Newtown Board of Education
Newtown, CT
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held on January 6, 2017 at 11 a.m. in the BOE Conference Room.

J. Vouros M. Ku J. Evans Davila L. Rodrigue L. Dominick E. Gellis

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

J. Vouros made a motion to approve the minutes from December 9, 2016. M. Ku seconded.

Public participation: None

E. Gellis presented an update of State mandated Adult Education Programs. She explained that through the Danbury Co-Op the Newtown's Adult Education Program offers three distinct pathways for adults to attain a high school diploma. Adult High School Credit Diploma (AHSCD), General Educational Development (GED) and National External Diploma Program (NEDP).

By being a part of this co-op it allows neighboring towns the opportunity to save thousands of dollars in salaries. This year the Co-Op budget has increased by 5% due to a salary increase in the Danbury School District.

L. Dominick, NHS Math Department Chair, along with L. Rodrigue, Principal, presented two new pilot programs to be offered at NHS.

College Math Topics: Western CT State University no longer offers college credit to students enrolled in this class. College Math Topics pilot would be offered in its place as a more useful course to students. This pilot course will offer students who leave Algebra 2 an alternate course to Pre-calculus or CP-A Statistics.

Algebra I Foundations 1 and 2: This proposed pilot course will help those students whose organizational skills and basic mathematical skills need reinforcement. The pilot will use the Algebra 1 content and spread it out over two years allowing extra time for the student to develop a deeper understanding of foundational math concepts. The staff anticipates that the students leaving these courses will find greater success in the higher level math classes.

Public participation: None

J. Vouros motioned to adjourn. M. Ku seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Schaedler

These are draft minutes and subject to approval by the C and I Subcommittee