

Board of Education
Newtown, CT
Special Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting
December 16, 2016

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Public Participation: None

M. Ku presented a series of questions regarding the Big Ideas Math Textbooks series that is being proposed for adoption by the Newtown Middle School. The questions were addressed as follows:

- **Are we actually purchasing four different textbooks?** Yes. Big Ideas Math (BIM) Red for the 6 + course at Reed. BIM Red Accelerated for Math 7 and Math 7 Accelerated at NMS. BIM Advanced 2 for Math 7/8 and BIM Blue for Math 8 and Math 8 Enriched.
- **# of students vs textbooks:** There will be 690 students in grades 7/8 in 2017/2018. We have 730 students between Reed's Math 6+ and our population of Gr. 7/8 students. Of those students we estimate 115 will be in the Algebra class at NMS and using the HS algebra text rather than the BIM Blue. We are purchasing 575 BIM books that each come with 575 digital subscriptions to on-line text plus an additional 90 on-line subscriptions will be purchased. This means there are 1240 ways for students to access the digital text or hard copy. Every student in a math class that uses BIM will have access to the digital addition of the text and a hard copy for home or classroom use.
- **How are we deciding how many of each textbook?** We have used our projection of the current student s moving forward to the next class based on the districts Math Pathways document as well as accounting for a decrease in enrollment over time.
- **What grades and how many teachers piloted BIM?** All nine teachers in the NMS Math Department piloted the text as well as the SpEd certified staff.

Jean Evans Davila suggested that once the board votes to adopt this textbook series that the C and I Subcommittee should periodically meet with NMS staff for an update on the launch and implementation of these resources and their impact on teaching and learning.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Bennett Schaedler