



MINUTES

November 15, 2011

Central Office

7:30 p.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Garofolo, Ed Strumello, Jim Ward, MaryAnne Mascolo, Christine Syriac, Mary Lavoie, Bernadette Hamad, Cathy Goodrich, Jim Freund, Jay Hatfield

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:40 p.m.

1. SMS Math Curriculum –

Mrs. Syriac informed the committee that the Seymour Middle School teachers have been working for a couple of years developing this curriculum and the district math curriculum committee met and reviewed this curriculum before it came to this level. Mrs. Syriac introduced Mrs. Hamad, principal of Seymour Middle School who presented the Seymour Middle School Math Curriculum. Mrs. Hamad indicated that the teachers worked very hard to make this a rigorous curriculum. Mrs. Syriac indicated the middle school curriculum was developed after the high school curriculum so that it prepares the students for success in the high school math curriculum. The core of the curriculum does not change because it is part of the state standards but how we meet those standards may change based on what works and what doesn't. Mrs. Syriac confirmed that she felt the District Committees are working and are excited for the work ahead.

MOTION: (Mr .Garofolo/sec., Mr. Ward) to accept the Middle School Math curriculum for grades six, seven, and eight

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Ward, Mr. Garofolo

2. SHS New Course Proposals

Mrs. Goodrich presented a number of new courses for the high school students next year. Allied Health Course Body Systems which is an introductory course to Exercise Physiology which we hope to add next year. This was proposed by Nick Aprea. Guitar I and II proposed by Joshua Swetts who has noticed a population of students who connected to the high school through his Beatles and Van Halen productions. The Hip Hop Methods course was proposed by Brandt Schneider and is a fast growing course across the country. They will learn about the history of Hip Hop and learn how to perform and would be expected to be part of a performance.

2. SHS New Course Proposals (continued)

There was a discussion on the hope that adding courses such as these will revitalize the music program at Seymour High School and provide another avenue for students who do not play sports. Principles of Marketing and Entrepreneurship would be added next year and Hospitality/Tourism and Sports and Entertainment Marketing would be added the following year. All of these courses were proposed by Michael Cantanese. Mrs. Goodrich also described the DECA Club which they would like to put in place next year and the hope is that the DECA Club will reopen the school store and run it. The DECA Advisor is a new stipend position and it will be placed in their budget. AP European History was proposed by a teacher who is very interested in this topic and has had many students ask why we don't offer a course such as this.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Ward) to accept the proposal of the Seymour High School Administration to add new courses entitled Body Systems, Guitar I, Guitar II, Hip Hop Methods, Principles of Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality/Tourism, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and AP European History and recommend approval to the full board:

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Ward, Mr. Garofolo

3. Discussion: role of the committee in purchasing/leasing of educational software

Mrs. Syriac indicated Mr. Stanek requested this item to be placed on the agenda and since he is not in attendance, requests this item be tabled.

4. Discussion: Workbooks

Mrs. Syriac indicated Mr. Stanek requested this item to be placed on the agenda and since he is not in attendance and Mr. Garofolo requested this item be tabled.

5. Chairman's Report

None

6. Superintendent's Report

None

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Ward) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Ward

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo