

SEYMOUR
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee

Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2008
Central Office
7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance: Mr. Bruce. Baker, Mrs. Rose Marie. Yitts, Mr. Fred. Stanek, Ms. MaryAnne Mascolo, Mrs. Christine Syriac, Mrs. Mary Sue Feige, Mrs. Bernadette Hamad, Mr. David. Olechna, Mrs. RoseAnne Thornton, Mrs. Karen. Wilczewski, Mrs. Judy. Laudati, Mrs. Cathy Goodrich, Mr. Jim Freund, Mr. Alan Skiparis

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Yitts asked whether or not the money for the textbooks had been budgeted for in the 08-09 school year. Ms. Mascolo stated the monies were budgeted and the high school would be phasing in their textbooks over a two year window.

Mrs. Hamad presented the Language Arts textbook published by McDougal Littell. The middle school would like to adopt this text for grade 6-8 to support the curriculum in the integrated Language Arts classroom. Mrs. Hamad mentioned that the text supports the themes at each grade level, the social studies curriculum, as well as being rich in technology resources for both teachers and students. She described the selection process, all the language arts teachers reviewed several different textbooks, vendors presented their materials, discussion ensued and the McDougal Littell text was selected with teacher support.

Mrs. Hamad presented the Spanish text for the 7th grade Spanish class that will be offered next year. It is the middle school version of the text currently used for Spanish 1 at the high school, Realidades. Mrs. Yitts stated she would like the textbook selections to be added to the BOE meeting agenda for 5/19/2008. As the agenda has already been posted, the agenda item will be added that evening.

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/Mrs. Yitts) to present the middle school textbooks to the full BOE on 5/19/ 2008

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Yitts

Mr. Skiparis presented the high school social studies textbooks. A textbook for the 9th grade and 10th grade, world history and US History respectively. The books are also published by McDougal Littell and provide the same support services as the previous textbook. Al also presented the textbook for the AP Comparative Government class, the textbook is recommended by ETS, the people who create Advanced Placement Curriculum.

Mr. Freund presented the science textbooks. A 9th grade text for General Science, a Biology text, a Physics text, a Human Anatomy textbook and a textbook for the AP Environmental science course.

Mrs. Goodrich explained the two year plan for implementing the use of the new textbooks.

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MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/Mrs. Yitts) to present the high school textbooks to the full BOE on 5/19/ 2008

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Yitts

Mrs. Goodrich and Mr. Freund gave an updated review of the NEASC report. The committee is currently gathering the information to respond to six items that must be addressed in a progress report to NEASC by February, 2009. The high school is working to address all six areas cited in the report and feels that progress has been made in all six areas.

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/Mrs. Yitts) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Yitts

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Submitted by:
Christine Syriac