



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Curriculum Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Bloomfield Board of Education 1133 Blue Hills Avenue Board Room, 1133 Blue Hills Avenue ,  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Minutes - Curriculum Committee Meeting - April 26, 2016 2  
M. Walters
3. New Business
  - A. Academic Expectations for Student Learning (NEASC Visitation)  
S. McCann
  - B. Performance and Profile Report  
B. Silver
4. Adjournment



**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

**ATTENDANCE:** M. Walters, Chair Present  
R. Ike Present  
H. Frydman Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Thompson W. Guzman S. Simpson  
S. McCann B. Silver D. Harris  
R. Coleman-Mitchell P. Guzzo J. White  
L. Lamenzo

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

M. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. A. Approval of Minutes – Curriculum Committee – March 22, 2016**

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by H. Frydman for the Curriculum Committee to approve the meeting minutes from March 22, 2016, as presented.

M. Walters Aye  
R. Ike Abstain  
H. Frydman Aye

The motion was passed 2-0-1.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3. A. Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG) Extended Day Learning Opportunities - Update**

Ms. Stacey McCann, Director of School Improvement and Intervention introduced the guest speakers, Paul Guzzo, Principal of Laurel Elementary School, Jesse White, Principal of Metacomet Elementary School and Lisa Lamenzo, School Coordinator for HFPG Grant.

Ms. McCann reviewed the four district priorities. She stated the purpose for the presentation was to update the Board on the implementation of the extended learning initiative and to share accomplishments to date and next steps. Slide 4 of the presentation provided a detailed chart of the payoffs by school and district priority.



Ms. Lamenzo presented the progress of the extended learning opportunities initiative. The team has selected a community partner, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford and a focus for academic content “STEAM” (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) based on input from parent and teacher focus groups. They went through an extensive vetting process and engaged with focus groups to gather information on shared needs and wants. The team has engaged in site visits to find out how they can link their regular education with the extended learning curriculum. They also participated in professional development in preparation for the start of the initiative in 2016-2017. Curriculum Writing Teams at both schools have been established and have conducted a series of planning sessions.

Mr. White noted the theme STEAM was selected for various reasons such as global competitiveness and demand for skilled workers in these fields. There is also a lack of gender and ethnic diversity of students entering STEM education programs and career fields. Further, the art component offers diverse opportunities for communication and expression.

Mr. Guzzo shared information regarding the work to achieve 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. These skills teach students how to think and ask good questions. It will allow students to thrive as productive citizens and help them solve problems.

The next steps are collaborating with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and the Boys & Girls Club of Hartford. They will begin to develop units of study and lesson plans.

The Central Office will also work through operations in preparation for the start of the program such as transportation, amending contracts and hiring staff such as the District Coordinator of Extended Learning & Family Community Engagement (Grant Funded). It was clarified that this is in addition to Ms. Lamenzo who is a site coordinator at the school level.

The board inquired how much time this will add to the current school day. It was noted that the programs is approximately 45 additional minutes. Lunches will remain the same and a snack time will be added at the start of the program.

Mr. Walters noted that many young adults entering college lack the written and oral communication skills and this will enhance their academic career. It was further noted that the purpose of the program is to enhance the school day and be co-curricular.

Ms. McCann stated the high school is currently partnering with colleges as well, such as Asnuntuck Community College and Goodwin College to ensure students are college-and-career ready. Students also have an individualized student success plan starting with Grade 6 students to monitor their progress in the middle school and high school years.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:56 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by H. Frydman to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.



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M. Walters, Chair