

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 6, 2023

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Library Media Center, SMS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Bruno
Christopher Champagne
James Garofolo
Shannon Levey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Bruno called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:40 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairman is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairman's Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

None

Closed at 6:41 pm

III. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Waiver or Extension of Connecticut Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Model or Program

Dr. Compton explained that she and the Ad Hoc District Wide Literacy Committee agreed that an extension is the best way to go. This will give the committee time to thoroughly review the programs and make the best choices for the district. She said there may be some grant opportunities in the future, but nothing is certain right now. The committee will visit schools and classrooms, review materials, and talk with other districts about the programs. She explained we don't have enough information to ask for a waiver and she has heard that very few waivers are being granted. Ms. Levey said she likes that this will give the district time to really dive in and do our research. Ms. Bruno said when it comes time to make a choice, we need to be sure it has been included in the budget for that year.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Levey) to recommend to the full Board the approval of a extension of one year to the State of Connecticut Department of Education regarding the Connecticut Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Model or Program

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Levey

MOTION PASSES: 3-0-0

IV. INFORMATION

A. Board of Education

1. Chairman Comments
None
2. Board Member Comments
None

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Compton thanked the Literacy Committee and said she appreciated the time and effort they put in. She reiterated that this is the best thing to do at this time which will give us time to compare the programs and make the best choice for the district.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Levey to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Levey

MOTION PASSES: 3-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk