

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Monday
January 11, 2010**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Curriculum Committee was held on Monday, January 11, 2010 in the second floor conference room at the Board of Education, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108.

PRESENT Dorese Roberts, Chair
Marcus C. Oladell IV, Committee Member
Jeff Currey, Committee Member

ALSO PRESENT Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Hacker, Department Head, CTE

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 P.M. by Ms. Roberts.
- II. Motion:
By Mr. Oladell
To approve the minutes of the November 30, 2009 Curriculum Committee Meeting
Seconded by Mr. Currey. Approved as written.
- III. Correspondence: None
- IV. Public Participation: None
- V. Old Business
Definition of "SET" is **Site Education Team**; a group of teachers and administrators who visit classrooms (a **Classroom Walk Through**, or CWT) to evaluate the implementation of programming, not a teacher evaluation tool. SET walkthroughs are being done throughout the district to assess the manner in which various initiatives are being used, and to determine the effectiveness of programs.
- VI. New Business
Project Lead the Way (PLTW) course proposal: Aerospace Engineering
Third in series of new engineering courses initially supported by the Rotary Club, additionally funded by the Perkins Grant. PLTW is a nation-wide curriculum; teachers are required to attend intensive 2-week training prior to new course. Courses are considered electives; must be scheduled sequentially; and may develop into a planned course of study as enrollment increases. Aerospace Engineering will be taught by Stephen Socolosky, who is currently teaching the first two PLTW courses and is a licensed pilot who has numerous connections in the greater Hartford area flight community, particularly Brainard Field. When fully implemented, PLTW will consist of 5 courses the fifth being a Capstone Project requiring an invention or a refinement of an existing concept. Current enrollment (year 2) is 28, with 14% female participation. Recruitment and support to encourage additional female participation is being planned.

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Motion:

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To approve the Aerospace Engineering course proposal

Seconded by Mr. Currey.

Motion Unanimously Approved

To be sent to full Board of Education

Next Meeting Schedule

Due to schedule conflict with Assistant Principal Interviews, the next meeting of the Curriculum Sub-Committee will be held on February 1, 2010, at 5:45 PM, prior to the Board of Education Meeting at the Connecticut IB Academy.

VII. Topics for Future Agendas

A district Spelling Bee was suggested at a recent meeting of some principals. The principals did not believe this activity promoted team effort and were concerned it would require a great deal of planning and preparation to be successful. The principals may be interested in "Knowledge Bowl" format in the future, which would encourage team-work and collaborative efforts along with individual achievement to support the team. This focus aligns with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) emphasis on 21st century skills.

All Board of Education members should have received a message regarding email accounts and Freedom of Information (FOI) guidelines. It is recommended that Board of Education communications be done through easthartford.org mail addresses. If personal email addresses are used for Board of Education communications, those personal email accounts may be subject to FOI requests.

Motion:

By Mr. Oladell

To adjourn at 7:10 PM

Seconded by Mr. Currey.

Motion Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted

Carrie Van de Berg