

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

**MONDAY
JUNE 1, 2015**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Curriculum Committee was held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, Room 109, East Hartford, CT 06108.

PRESENT Dorese Roberts, Chair

ALSO PRESENT Stephanie Watkins, Committee Member
Shelby Brown, Committee Member
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent
Cynthia Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent
Melissa Gavarrino, Department Head, Science
Michelle Eckler, Department Head, English
Jennifer Shaff Jepsen, English Teacher
Caryn Steadman, Principal, Connecticut IB Academy
Travis Maraciniak, Science Teacher
Lisa Harris, Science Teacher

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Ms. Roberts

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
To approve the minutes of the March 31, 2014 Curriculum Committee Meeting
Seconded by Shelby Brown
Motion unanimously approved

Correspondence: None

Melissa Gavarrino gave a PowerPoint presentation for the Next Generation Science Standards. The standards are in the pre-adoption stage at this time. The purpose is to add engineering to the science standards, bringing clarity to the STEM program and to provide college readiness. The transition will begin in the 2016/2017 school year and will be completed in the 2018/2019 school year.

Request for textbook adoption: The Connecticut IB Academy is requesting the purchase of a Biology Textbook for the next school year. The textbook will be used in the first year of a new biology (IB) curriculum. The course is a two year course for juniors and seniors. The purchase will include 50 textbooks and 100 e-licenses for students. The books will be funded through the SHEFF grant. They have been on display at the school and the town library since May 15th.

MOTION By Shelby Brown
To approve and present to the full board, the 2014 edition: Oxford IB Diploma Programme.
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
Motion unanimously approved

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Course Pilot Proposal: Michelle Eckler submitted a course proposal for the college course, English 101, at East Hartford High School. The course will provide students who have completed the course with a B or higher with college credit at MCC. The English Department has been working closely with MCC for the past 3 years. This course will replace the English 4 Honors Course. The Challenge Essay will be used as an evaluative tool to ensure students are achieving expectations of the course. 25 students will be able to register for the course, but another section can be added if more students are interested. Ms. Jepsen is certified to teach this course at the high school.

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
 To approve and present to the full board, English 101
 Seconded by Shelby Brown
 Motion unanimously approved

Cynthia Ritchie gave an overview of the CT Core Standards. The district has adopted Wilson Foundations for literacy and enVision Math at the elementary level which are aligned with the standards. Content literacy, reading and writing, will be applied throughout all standards. She provided samples of text-dependent questions and CCSS Reading Standards for Literature and Question Stems by grade levels.

MOTION By Shelby Brown
 To adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM
 Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
 Motion unanimously approved.