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REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Special Meeting
Joel Barlow High School - LLC
Tuesday, June 26, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members: D'Agostino (ex-officio), Graziano, Hancock, Hocker, Williams
Administration and staff: McMorran, Pin, Pierson Ugol

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Graziano called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee identified a typo in the draft. Mr. Hocker requested the "*Recorded by Chris Hocker, Region 9 Board of Education Secretary*" be removed because he did not record the minutes.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 Special Curriculum Committee Meeting as modified above (Williams, Hocker). Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT: None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REVISED COMMITTEE CHARGE

The committee identified three changes in the draft charge. First, the committee should "work with" rather than "advise" the administration. Next, the draft should refer to "Head of School" rather than "Principal". Finally, "Assistant Superintendent" should read "Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction".

MOTION: Move to recommend changes as discussed for discussion at the July regular meeting of Region 9 Board of Education (Hocker, Hancock). Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: UNDERSTANDING BY DESIGN FRAMEWORK (UBD) INCLUDING THE DISTRICT'S INITIATIVE ON CURRICULUM REVISION

The administration explained its approach for UBD in evaluating whether the Joel Barlow curriculum results in enduring understanding of subject matter. The assistant superintendent works with the Barlow Head of School to train teachers so that students can understand and identify real world application. The curriculum development is ongoing and iterative. Development employs a backward design from measurements such as the PSAT/SAT to identify standards for each topic (e.g. art, math).

Committee members asked how curriculum development relates to the future program of studies and course offerings, the number of teaching staff, class sizes and budget. The administration agreed to present that linkage as well as proposed changes in long-term curriculum in September.

The committee and administration agreed to table topics such as rotating 2019-2020 course offerings/program of studies and weighted grades to a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Move to adjourn the special meeting of the Region 9 Board of Education Curriculum Committee (Williams, Hancock). Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by

Cheryl Graziano, Region 9 Board of Education Curriculum Chairperson