

Region 9 Board of Education
Curriculum Committee Meeting
Joel Barlow High School Crowley Room
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 6:30 p.m.
Draft Minutes

In attendance:

Board: Ms. Gombos; Mr. D'Agostino, Ms. Colangelo, and Mr. Lewis (6:43pm)

Administration: Dr. McMorran, Dr. Pierson Ugoi, and Ms. Pin

Faculty: Ms. McTague, Ms. Staron, Ms. Estes, Ms. Brown, Mr. Pinsky, Mr. Schemm, Ms. Powell, Mr. Huminski, and Ms. Roszko

No members of the public were present

- I. Call to Order – Ms. Gombos called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.
- II. Approval of November 25, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes – there was no quorum in November but Meeting Notes are available on the website
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Committee Member Comment: None
- V. Discussion and Possible Action

a. Requesting approval:

i. World Religion

Ms. Barbie Powell presented the proposal for a Comparative Religion course for sophomores. Mr. Lewis suggested and the Committee agreed to forward the proposal to the Board with no recommendation so the full Board could decide the matter. **Motion (Gombos, D'Agostino)** to forward the matter to the full Board approved 4-0.

ii. AP US Government

Mr. Jordan Pinsky presented the proposal for a full year AP US Government course for seniors. This course would fulfill the State mandated Civics requirement. **Motion (Gombos, D'Agostino)** to recommend to the Region 9 Board the approval of this course with approval of the text to come later. Approved 4-0

iii. Statistics and Probability

Ms. Lori Estes presented the proposal for a full year Statistics and Probability course for seniors. **Motion (Colangelo, D'Agostino)** to recommend to the Region 9 Board the approval of this course. No new text will be required. Approved 4-0

b. Requesting "Pending Approval":

i. AP Computer Science Principles

Ms. Laura Brown presented the proposal for a full year AP Computer Science course for juniors and seniors. This is a new AP course from the College Board that will focus on more than just programming so it is different than the already offered AP programming course. The curriculum is not yet finalized so this was a request for approval pending later review of the released curriculum and any texts. **Motion (Colangelo, D'Agostino)** to recommend to the Region 9 Board the approval of this course pending review of the curriculum and text. Approved 4-0

ii. AP Environmental Science

Mr. JT Schemm presented the proposal for a full year AP Environmental Science course for juniors and seniors. This request was pending latter approval of the textbook. **Motion (Colangelo, D'Agostino)** to recommend to the Region 9 Board the approval of this course pending review of the text. Approved 4-0

c. Informational Reports:

i. Graduation Requirement Change (20/20 Vision Passages)

Mr. Tim Huminiski presented a draft matrix of how the State mandated senior year Capstone project can be accommodated in the future. This matter will be reviewed further at a later date. The State has postponed the implementation of these and other graduations requirements, due to cost concerns, in recent years.

ii. Program of Studies to include "coding" in Computer Programming

Ms. McTague explained that the description of the existing Computer Programming course in the Program of Studies will now include the work "coding" to better indicate the purpose of the course.

iii. Alternate High School Concept

Ms. Patti Roszko, very briefly given the need for the Committee to adjourn so the Board meeting could start, laid out a proposal for an Alternative High School for some Special Education students away from Barlow to meet their specific needs. The Committee expressed their concern that this may not be a matter for the Curriculum Committee but rather for the full Board. In any case, the matter will be reviewed at a later date by the full Board.

VI. Public Comment: None

VII. Committee Member Comment: Mr. Lewis thanked the faculty members for their detailed course proposals and their patience with the long agenda scheduled for in a very short time slot.

VIII. Adjournment – **Motion (D’Agostino, Colangelo)** Approved 4-0 at 7:25pm

Draft respectively submitted by Mark Lewis