

EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Special Meeting

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January 12, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members: S. Pierson Ugol, J. Chieda, G. Goldstein, D. Wible, J. Stinson, K. Fox Santora, D. Ronen, A. Taylor

Members of the public: fewer than 5

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Pierson Ugol called the meeting of the Easton Board of Education Curriculum Committee to order at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: move to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020 Easton Board of Education Curriculum Committee Special Meeting as submitted. Goldstein, Wible. Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT:

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: K-5 MATH TEXTBOOK RESOURCES FOR 2021-2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Dr. Pierson Ugol provided an overview of the process that had been used to narrow down a top choice for a new K-5 math textbook program for Easton and Redding, noting that there is now a greater need for integrated technology and embedded assessments and intervention support within a single core program as compared to when the group last reviewed math programs over 6 years ago. This type of program will prevent teachers from needing to pull data from a variety of sources and programs to compile a profile of a student's math performance. After extensive research, the Easton and Redding math leadership team recommends the adoption of the enVision Mathematics program as the core math curriculum resource.

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Dr. Pierson Ugol shared a grid listing the criteria used by the districts to compare and contrast the top 3 math programs identified by the districts' math leadership, which demonstrated the comparative strength of the enVision program, especially in terms of enVision's student-centered approach, STEM connections, English Learner options, and project extensions. The ability for teachers to edit and customize assessments is also an appealing feature of the enVision program. J. Stinson noted that this purchase is less of a "textbook" purchase, but really the purchase of a platform that includes consumable materials, which provides more flexibility and benefits than the more traditional idea of the textbook.

Further conversations have taken place with the representative from enVision to discuss contract parameters and financials, and Dr. Pierson Ugol stated that a 3 year contract seems to be the most reasonable contract length at this point in time. J. Stinson spoke about structuring the contract in such a way that teachers could have access to materials prior to the 2021 summer break, and the opportunity might exist to have an introductory parent session to help prepare families for this change. Dr. Pierson Ugol stated that the math specialists, as content leaders, may become the "experts" and can help parents understand the resource.

Motion: move that the Easton Curriculum Committee recommend the adoption of enVision Mathematics as the core mathematics curriculum resource for K-5, effective July 1, 2021. Wible, Chieda. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EASTON/REDDING BOE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2021

A draft list of four meeting dates was given to committee members. Meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. on the same evenings as board meetings, alternating between Easton and Redding.

Motion: move to approve the 2021 Easton Curriculum Committee regular meeting schedule as presented. Goldstein, Wible. Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT:

J. Stinson recognized the dedication of the math specialists and the school textbooks committees and expressed appreciation for their hard and thorough work in making an informed decision about the new math curriculum resource.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: move to adjourn the meeting of the Easton Board of Education Curriculum Committee. Wible, Cheida. Approved. Unanimous.

Dr. Pierson Ugol adjourned the Easton Board of Education Curriculum Committees meetings at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by,
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