

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julie Altman, Christopher Browe (at 5:45 p.m.), Diane Crocco, Rita Gedansky, Thomas Hurley

Staff Members Present: Marie McPadden, Mary Raiola, Charles Britton; Pua Ford

The Curriculum subcommittee of the Amity Regional Board of Education met on Monday, June 9, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Amity High School

1. Call to Order: Julie Altman called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Review New Course Proposal for the Alternative School Science Course.

Dr. McPadden distributed the proposal document for *Alternative School – Integrated Science 1*. The teachers who hoped to speak on this proposal were unable to attend this meeting.

Students usually enter the Alternative School (A-School) within the high school if they have failed academically and/or have social or emotional problems that interfere with their studies. Students go into and out of the A-School at irregular points in their high school career. The course is designed to let them join and leave when appropriate to their situation.

This proposal would replace a less satisfactory science research course and also addresses the new standards for science curriculum. This is for only the first year of a three-year sequence. The budget will cover this proposal.

Those present discussed how this is “integrated,” how the new standards are not content-specific, that finding the right teacher for this proposal is key. The A-School has a dedicated math teacher so that mathematics does not require a similar course. Problems with textbooks and their publishers were discussed.

Motion to forward this course proposal to the full Board for approval (Thomas Hurley, 2d Diane Crocco).

Vote to approve unanimous.

Motion passed.

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. (Thomas Hurley, 2d Steven DeMaio).

Approval unanimous.

Motion passed; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pua Ford, recording clerk