

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Browe, Ms. Robin Berke, Mr. Steve DeMaio, Ms. Amy Esposito and Mr. Tom Hurley.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Staff members present: Ms. Anna Mahon.

Also present: Mrs. Ruth Natzel.

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Thursday, January 27, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Presentation Room at the Amity District Offices.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Course modification proposals

Mr. Hurley turned the meeting over to Ms. Mahon for explanation of the coursed modification proposals. The Committee agreed to hear the information and have discussion and then to take one motion to approve all the proposals.

A. Media Production I – This will be a one semester course as discussed in a previous Committee meeting.

Ms. Berke arrived at 6:35 pm.

B. Statistics Level I - This is a new course designed to bridge the gap between AP Statistics and Statistics Level E (elective) for Seniors.

Chairman Browe arrived at 6:47 pm and Mr. Hurley relinquished the Chair to him.

C. Chinese Level I – These are proposed modifications to the current Chinese courses offered to provide a better and more personalized learning experience and to standardize the construct levels offered.

D. Level Psychology – This course would fill a gap between AP Psychology and Psychology E.

E. Reading course name change – The name of this course currently is Content Literacy for freshman. The proposed name change to “Literacy Workshop” better describes how instruction is delivered and is more specific to all types of literacy skills rather than content specific.

There were some questions and discussion from the Committee members regarding the specifics of “combo” or contract classes, numbers of sections running of particular classes, numbers of students enrolled, and how the contracted/choice course become part of the goal of individualized learning plans.

Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2nd by Mr. DeMaio to accept the course modification proposals as presented.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

3. Other - None

4. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. DeMaio, 2nd by Mr. Hurley to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk