

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2009
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CT

PRESENT: Bill Ryan, Janice Chamberlain, Elizabeth Peczuh, Herb Arico, Diane Hannon,
Lou DeLoreto and Bruce Silva

ABSENT: Robert Jellen and Frank Krasicki

The meeting was called to order by 6:05 p.m.

The committee began the meeting by reviewing a “draft” revision to the “Weight Grading Policy.” Mr. DeLoreto provided background information about the old policy and some thoughts about the new policy. The pros and cons of the proposed policy changes were discussed in great detail. Concerns were raised that we not rush to change the policy until a number of questions are answered including the following:

1. Would implementing the new weighted grading system benefit our students?
2. What has been the experience of other high schools in the state that have implemented a similar policy?
3. Does the “extra weight” really provide students with an extra “advantage” for college admission?
4. How would the policy impact students taking lower level courses?
5. Would adding this weight to advanced courses create confusion as new courses are considered in the future?
6. Are there philosophical considerations for the board to address?

The committee hopes to meet again in June to follow-up on the discussion.

The committee went on to review and approve the following new/revised curricula:

Genocide
Construction
Cooperative Work Experience I
German 3

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bruce W. Silva

