

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 10, 2011
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CT

PRESENT: Bob Jellen, Janice Chamberlain Frank Krasicki and Elizabeth Peczuh,
Bruce Silva, Louis DeLoreto, Karen Paruolo.

ABSENT: Diane Hannon, Tim Nolan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Jellen at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Garvey asked to address the committee and made a statement to the members of the committee that he did not appreciate the Vitriolic comments that that were directed at him by Board Member, Frank Krasicki on the school's blogspot and felt he was owed an apology by Mr. Krasicki.

Mr. Jellen requested everyone's cooperation and established a few ground rules for the meeting.

Mr. DeLoreto was asked to outline the plan to eliminate "G" level classes in social studies and English for 9th grade classes next year. He provided a rationale for the change and what steps had be done with faculty over the past year to prepare for this change.

He noted the plan would include the following:

- The elimination of "G" level classes next year in English 9 and social studies 9th grade classes only.
- The elimination of "G" level classes will allow more class sections to be added reducing "B" level class sizes.
- Students identified as needing support, will be provided with up to two periods of assistance weekly. This group of students will be offered "pre instruction" on classroom topics which they may find more challenging.
- Common planning time will be provided to those teachers teaching 9th grade B level English or social study courses.
- The B level curriculum and instructional rigor will not be lowered.
- Current instructional assistants will be utilized to support students as necessary.
- Special education teachers will work closely with B level teachers to coordinate services for students with disabilities.
- All participating teachers will receive specialized training.

Members of the public and committee members directed specific questions to Mr. DeLoreto which were addressed by either himself or Karen Paruolo.

Members of the curriculum committee agreed to report the highlights of the discussion to the full Board of Education at the June 7th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BWS" with a stylized flourish above the letters.

Bruce W. Silva

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