

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Via Audio Conferencing
Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 2:02 p.m.

Members present

M. Ward, chair
M. Petitti, participating telephonically
L. Timpanelli
J. Budd, Ph.D., ex officio

Other

M. Guarino, Principal, Trumbull High School
J. Chirles, A-House Principal, Trumbull High School
E. Spark, B-House Principal, Trumbull High School
K. Laird, Mathematics Department Chair, Trumbull High School
D. Shevlin, mathematics teacher, Trumbull High School
K. Rubano, Social Studies Department Chair, Trumbull High School
E. August, social studies teacher, Trumbull High School
S. Lavorgna-Lye, World Languages Department Chair, Trumbull High School
M. Colón, Italian teacher, Trumbull High School
J. Conti, Italian teacher, Trumbull High School
T. Edwards, Science Department Chair, Trumbull High School
S. Singh, science teacher, Trumbull High School

- II. Correspondence / Public Comment – Dr. Budd noted that the public was invited to send any comments via e-mail, and that he had not received any.

- III. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 1/23/2020
Mr. Ward moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Timpanelli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- IV. New Business

- a. Report, Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Budd noted that all textbooks presented this afternoon would be funded from the 2020-21 budget and are very needed textbook placements at Trumbull High School.
- b. New Course Text Proposal: *Algebra and Trigonometry*, 4th ed. (Core: Honors Algebra II)
Mrs. Shevlin discussed the advantages of this new text for Honors Algebra II to replace a text nearly fifteen years old. The new text would relate to current math standards as well as the current SAT, and would also include reference to the graphing calculator. Ms. Laird praised the use of data and real-world problems in the text. Online resources, not available for the current textbook, would be prevalent. Ms. Petitti noted the importance of a modern text for this key math course. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course text proposal for *Algebra and Trigonometry* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for June 9, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- c. New Course Text Proposal: *Principles of Criminal Law*, 7th ed. (Core: Honors Justice & Law: Criminal Law)
Mr. August described the virtues of this new text for Honors Justice & Law: Criminal Law, including its modern case studies. The current text is out-of-print, and the copies needed for increasing course enrollment cannot be attained. Mr. Ward noted the high relevance of case studies included in the text. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the new course text proposal for *Principles of Criminal Law* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for June 9, 2020, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- d. New Course Text Proposal: *Sentieri: Attraverso l'italia contemporanea*, 3rd ed. (Core: Honors Italian II, Italian II, & Italian Conversation & Culture II)
Ms. Lavorgna-Lye commended the work of the Italian teachers in reviewing new texts for Italian II at all levels. Ms. Conti and Ms. Colón noted the importance of the text's approach to cultural themes, grammar, and vocabulary. Ms. Timpanelli praised the alignment of the text with other texts in the Italian course sequence. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the new course text proposal for *Sentieri* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for June 9, 2020, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- e. New Course Text Proposal: *Campbell Biology: Concepts & Connections*, 10th ed. (Core: CP Biology)
Mr. Edwards noted the importance of updating the CP Biology text, since the current text is over 15 years old. Ms. Singh strongly supported the proposed new text, noting it aligned with NGSS Standards, had online access, and was strongly visual for the CP Biology learners. Mr. Ward praised the design of the text. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the new course text proposal for *Campbell Biology* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for June 9, 2020, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Ms. Petitti moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m.; Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.