

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Via Audio Conferencing
Thursday, July 23, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 12:02 p.m.

Members present

M. Ward, chair

M. Petitti, participating telephonically

L. Timpanelli

J. Budd, Ph.D., ex officio

Other

K. Laird, Mathematics Department Chair, Trumbull High School

E. Capobianco, mathematics teacher, Trumbull High School

J. Spillane, English and drama 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

Ms. Timpanelli moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Petitti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

IV. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 6/3/2020

Ms. Timpanelli moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Petitti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

V. New Business

a. Report, Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Budd reviewed various curriculum development projects occurring over the summer months.

b. New Course Text Proposal: *Linear Algebra and Its Applications*, 5th ed. (Core: Multivariable Calculus)

Ms. Capobianco discussed the advantages of this text in terms of its allowing expanded college credit for advanced grade 12 mathematics students. Ms. Laird noted the growth of student enrollment in this course both currently and in upcoming years. Ms. Petitti praised the expansion of college credits, and Mr. Ward commended the increased enrollment. Ms. Timpanelli noted the importance of supporting student enrollment in the course. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course text proposal for *Linear Algebra and Its Applications* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for July 28, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- c. New Course Text Proposal: *The Secret Life of the American Musical: How Broadway Shows Are Built* (Core: Theatre Explorations: The American Musical)
Ms. Spillane discussed the importance of this text in developing this new course focused on appreciation of the theatre arts through study of the American musical, both historically and through innovation. Ms. Timpanelli supported the relevance of this course to expanding students' appreciation for the arts, and Mr. Ward and Ms. Petitti commended the expansion of arts offerings at Trumbull High School. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course text proposal for *The Secret Life of the American Musical* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for July 28, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Ms. Timpanelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m.; Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.