

Curriculum Committee of the Region 9 Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
Joel Barlow High School – Seminar Room  
Friday, December 16, 2011  
3:00 PM

Attendance:

Committee: Lewis, Hocker

Board: Hancock

Administration: Josefsberg, McPadden, McMorran

Faculty: Pinsky, C. Huminski, Desmarais, Vialotti, Sopko, D'Amato, Estes, McTague, Huot

Public: Logie

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. He explained that the Committee now has only three members (Lewis, Hocker, and Gombos) after Mr. Logie's departure from the Board on November 30<sup>th</sup> and therefore Mr. Hocker and he constituted a quorum. The Committee membership will be reconstituted by the new Chair at the January Board meeting.

**Approval of March 28, 2011 Minutes: Motion:** (Hocker, Lewis) to approve these minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Member Comment:** None

**Discussion and Possible Action:**

Ms. Desmarais, Ms. Huminski, and Mr. Pinsky presented a proposal for a new American Studies course to combine the 11<sup>th</sup> grade English and US History courses into, in effect, one course. The proposed course would be taught by a team of one English Teacher and one Social Studies teacher together in back-to-back periods to the same group of students. No new course materials are expected at the present time and how this will work in detail would be worked out over the summer. Only one section would be run in the first year. The course would meet the 11<sup>th</sup> grade English and US History graduation requirements.

**Motion:** (Hocker, Lewis) to recommend to the Region 9 Board of Education the addition to the Program of Studies of an un-weighted Junior Year American Studies Course. Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Desmarais, Ms. Huminski, and Mr. Pinsky presented a proposal for a new Freshman Humanities course to combine the 9<sup>th</sup> grade English and Western Civilization courses into, in effect, one course. The proposed course would be taught by a team of one English Teacher and one Social Studies teacher together in back-to-back periods to the same group of students. No new course materials are expected at the present time and how this will work in detail would be worked out over the summer. Only one section would be run in the first year. The course would meet the English I and Western Civilization graduation requirements.

**Motion:** (Hocker, Lewis) to recommend to the Region 9 Board of Education the addition to the Program of Studies of an un-weighted Freshman Year Humanities Course. Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Estes presented a recommendation for a new AP Statistics book. The Committee Members will review the book for the next Committee meeting.

Ms. Vialotti, Mr. Sopko, and Ms. D'Amato presented a recommendation for a new Honors/Advanced Algebra II book. The Committee Members will review the book for the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Huot presented a proposal for a new technology elective – Principles and Applications of Electronics – to be open to all grades. The course would be an entry level course in Electronics and Electricity. It would be both a theory and a hands-on course. No materials are proposed at this time but some equipment would be required which will be discussed in the context of the next budget.

**Motion:** (Hocker, Lewis) to recommend to the Region 9 Board of Education the addition to the Program of Studies of a Principles and Applications of Electronics course as a technology elective open to all grades. Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. McTague presented a recommendation for a new Honors Biology book. The Committee Members will review the book for the next Committee meeting.

**Public Comment:** None. Mr. Logie had earlier commented on the American Studies course during the discussion of that matter.

**Committee Member Comment:** None

**Motion:** (Hocker, Lewis) to adjourn at 5:05pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Lewis