



January 19, 2022

TO: Members of the Educational Evaluation Committee  
Town Clerk

**Educational Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 5:15 p.m.  
Superintendent's Large Conference Room**

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Present: Tara Crossley, Sheelagh Lapinski, Robert Mitchell, Timothy Shanahan. Also present were Montville High School Acting Principal Rob Alves, Department Chair Addy Robarge, Department Chair Ted Richmond, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback.

1. Call to order by Robert Mitchell– 5:15 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration and action to elect a Committee Chair

Motion to nominate Robert Mitchell as Committee Chair

**Proposed by:** Sheelagh Lapinski

**Seconded by:** Tara Crossley

**Vote: All in Favor Carried: (vote 4-0)**

4. Consideration and Action to approve new Music course: “Rock Performance”.

- High School Department Chair Addy Robarge provided an overview of the new course “Rock Performance” which was designed with the intent to reach students who are passionate about music. Mr. Cushing developed the plan for students not studying a traditional instrument to engage with music in an authentic way. This will help build new community connections by expanding on the way we have been able to build our ensemble network. Staffing is already in place, and there are no costs associated with this new offering.

**Motion:** to approve the new Music course: Rock Performance.

**Proposed by:** Sheelagh Lapinski

**Seconded by:** Tara Crossley

**Vote: All in Favor Carried: (vote 4-0)**

5. Discussion and Action to approve required Social Studies Course – African American and Latino Studies

- Ted Richmond, Department Chair, discussed that this is in response to Connecticut Public Act 19-12 requiring all local and regional boards of education to include African American and black and Puerto Rican and Latino studies to the required programs of study for all public schools beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. This course will be a full year, one credit elective and it was noted that since full year electives are rare, it may be a challenge to find room in students' schedules for a full year elective. We have the suggested course materials that accompany the curriculum that we have been developing. There is no additional cost associated with this course and staffing would come from our current social studies department.

**Motion:** to approve the new required Social Studies Course – African American and Latino Studies

**Proposed by:** Tim Shanahan

**Seconded by:** Tara Crossley

**Vote: All in Favor Carried: (vote 4-0)**

6. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

- To be determined at another time.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:37 pm

**Proposed by:** Timothy Shanahan

**Seconded by:** Sheelagh Lapinski

**Vote: All in Favor Carried: (vote 4-0)**