



March 16, 2022

TO: Members of the Educational Evaluation
Committee Town Clerk

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

Present: Sheelagh Lapinski, Robert Mitchell, Timothy Shanahan, Wills Pike, BOE Chair. Also present were Montville High School Acting Principal Rob Alves, Department Chair Ted Richmond, MHS Physical Education/Health Teacher Anthony Occhialini, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback

1. Call to order by Robert Mitchell– 5:16 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: To Move item #5 to the beginning of the meeting (item #3).

Proposed by: Timothy Shanahan
Seconded by: Sheelagh Lapinski
Vote: **Carried:** (vote 4-0)

3. Textbook: World History Interactive, plus Digital Courseware Support

The request was made to update the current textbook, which is approximately 18 years old, with a current edition that comes with the supplemental resources to enhance our blended learning model. Each book comes with student licenses which are reusable for six years. The online/digital component allows for the use of engaging technology in a personalized, differentiated format.

Motion: To bring to the board next month for final approval
Proposed by: Timothy Shanahan
Seconded by: Sheelagh Lapinski
Vote: **Carried:** (vote 4-0)

4. Consideration and possible action for a new ECE course – “If You Love It, Teach It”: Studies of K-12 teaching, learning, and schooling in the United States; historical, philosophical, and social foundations of education as well as self-study to reimagine educational futures.

Anthony Occhialini provided an overview on how UCONN is piloting new ECE courses (early college experience) that are career focused and accessible to a broad range of students. This is a college level course that will cost students \$150 and students will earn 3 UCONN college credits upon successful completion. Juniors and Seniors will be eligible to enroll. The course is ideal for future educators and involves 10 hours of field experience in the K-12 school environment, project-based learning, co-teaching and mock lesson development as well as an understanding of the historical, philosophical and social foundations of education. Staffing is already in place and the only district cost associated with this new course is the textbook.

Motion: To bring to the board next month for final approval

Proposed by: Sheelagh Lapinski

Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan

Vote: **Carried:** (vote 4-0)

5. Consideration and possible action for a new ECE course and textbook– “Contemporary Issues in Sport”: Socio-cultural, economic, political, and other related issues in sport. Sport as a social institution, the impact of sport in American culture, and the impact of American culture on sport. Sport at the youth, intercollegiate, professional, and international levels; how sport at these levels is experienced differently by individuals, communities, organizations, and society. Issues in sport relative to gender, race (ethnicity), differing physical and intellectual ability, sexual identity, and gender identity.

Anthony Occhialini discussed another UCONN ECE pilot course that is career focused and will appeal to a wide range of students, as approximately one-third of MHS students participate in sports. This is a college level course that will cost students \$150 and students will earn 3 UCONN college credits upon successful completion. Juniors and Seniors will be eligible to enroll. The course will study the impact of sport on American culture, sport at the different levels: youth, intercollegiate, professional and international; and issues relative to gender, race (ethnicity), differing physical and intellectual abilities, sexual identify and gender identity. Staffing is already in place and the only district cost associated with this new course is the textbook.

Motion: To bring to the board next month for final approval

Proposed by: Timothy Shanahan

Seconded by: Sheelagh Lapinski

Vote: **Carried:** (vote 4-0)

6. Discussion of Future Agenda Items
To be determined at another time.

7. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: 5:53 pm

Proposed by: Sheelagh Lapinski

Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan

Vote: **Carried:** (vote 4-0)