



December 21, 2023

TO: Members of the Educational Evaluation  
Committee  
Town Clerk

**Educational Evaluation  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 19, 2023  
Superintendent's Large Conference Room**

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Board Members Present: Robert Mitchell, Timothy Shanahan, Erika Streibel, and Board Chair Wills Pike. Also present were Superintendent Laurie Pallin, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback

1. Call to order by Superintendent Laurie Pallin– 5:16 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Chair

Superintendent Pallin stated the first order of business is the election of a chair for the E&E Committee. Timothy Shanahan nominated Robert Mitchell for Chair. There were no other nominations offered.

**Motion to accept Robert Mitchell as E&E Committee Chair**

**Proposed by:** Tim Shanahan

**Seconded by:** Erika Streibel

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

Mitchell - Aye  
Shanahan - Aye  
Streibel - Aye  
Pike - Aye

4. Discussion of Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies - course consideration

**Motion to approve the AP African American Studies course and send it to the full Board**

**Proposed by:** Tim Shanahan

**Seconded by:** Erika Streibel  
**Vote:** **Carried:** (vote 4-0)

High School Social Studies teacher Elizabeth Gawlak presented the rationale for offering the new course AP African American Studies at Montville High School. In her overview, she shared that this course directly aligns with the Connecticut Social Studies standards and with College, Career and Civic Life Framework for Social Studies. The inquiry-based approach to learning in this course will enhance the work the high school has done around the Vision of Graduate work. Additionally, this course will provide the chance for more students who are interested in this content to enroll. There are no estimated costs associated with offering this additional cost and it will be taught by existing Social Studies teachers.

5. K-12 ELA Curriculum overview

**Motion to discuss K-12 ELA Curriculum**

**Proposed by:** Tim Shanahan  
**Seconded by:** Erika Streibel  
**Vote:** **Carried:** (vote 4-0)

Elementary ELA Coaches Suzanne LoPresto and Mary Aledia provided an overview of the work that has been completed to date on the ELA curriculum in grades K through 5. They shared the lesson planning, unit design, resource materials and all other instructional components of the ELA curriculum. Creating a district-owned shared location within Google has allowed for grade level collaboration, quick access to resources and organization of materials. Superintendent Pallin provided an overview of the middle school ELA curriculum repository that shares the same design and intent. The goal will be to share the K-12 ELA scope and sequence on our website in the near future.

6. Future agenda items

7. Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** 5:56 pm  
**Proposed by:** Tim Shanahan  
**Seconded by:** Erika Streibel  
**Vote:** **Carried:** (vote 4-0)