



January 22, 2020

TO: Members of the Educational Evaluation Committee
Town Clerk

**Minutes, Educational Evaluation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 5:15 p.m.
Superintendent's Large Conference Room**

Present: Board members Robert Mitchell, Sheelagh Lapinski, and Sandra Berardy. Member Carol Burgess arrived at 5:30 pm. Student representatives Ashley Seldon and David Baukus were also present along with MHS Principal Heather Sangermano, Math/Science Department Chair Hollyann Moriarty, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback and Superintendent Laurie Pallin
Absent: Dana Ladyga

1. Call to order – 5:15 p.m. by Superintendent Laurie Pallin
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: To amend the agenda to add agenda item 3: Election of a chair for the E&E Committee and renumber subsequent agenda items:

Proposed by: Robert Mitchell

Seconded by: Sandra Berardy

Vote: All in Favor Carried (vote 3-0)

3. Election of E&E Committee Chairperson

Nomination: Robert Mitchell

Moved by: Sheelagh Lapinski

Seconded by: Sandra Berardy

There were no other nominations; nominations were closed

Record of votes for Robert Mitchell: Sandra Berardy, Sheelagh Lapinski, Robert Mitchell

Newly elected chair Robert Mitchell assumed leadership of the meeting

4. MHS Math – Changes to the non-ECE Statistics Course

Department chair Hollyann Moriarty described the need to offer two levels of non-ECE statistics to better accommodate the learning needs of the students currently enrolled in the course.

Motion: To move the creation of two levels of non-ECE statistics to the Board at the February meeting

Proposed by: Sheelagh Lapinski

Seconded by: Sandra Berardy

Vote: All in Favor Carried (vote 3-0)

5. MHS Science – New Junior Year Science Course proposal

Department chair Hollyann Moriarty explained the need to create a junior year course aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards. It would be offered next year for level II and level III students moving through the three-year sequence of NGSS aligned science courses (grade 9- Integrated Science I, grade 10- Biology, grade 11- Integrated Science II). Level I students would continue to take chemistry in their junior year. Hollyann described a year-long course split into two semesters, the first covering chemistry from a forensics perspective and the second covering earth science and physics from a space science perspective. This course would prepare students for the NGSS assessment at the end of the junior year, promote higher-level thinking and problem solving, and better prepare students for careers in college.

Motion: To move the creation of a new course, Integrated Science II, to the Board at the February meeting

Proposed by: Sheelagh Lapinski

Seconded by: Sandra Berardy

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

6. MHS Science – Courses which will no longer be offered

Hollyann Moriarty explained to the committee that the creation of this new junior course would require the elimination of four half credit elective courses: Botany, Blue Planet, Disasters, and Science and Society

7. MHS PE – Proposal for grade 11, 12 PE elective courses

Principal Heather Sangermano explained the reconfiguration of Health and PE course offerings to meet the state's new graduation requirements and related Board policy 6146: Credit Requirements which was adopted January 15, 2019. Effective with this year's freshman, students need two half credit PE courses and two half credit health courses. In the past students needed four half credit PE courses and one half credit health course. To meet the new requirements, students will be expected to take PE in grades 9 and 10 and Health in grades 9 and 11. The PE department would like to create two half credit elective courses for students in grades 11 and 12. One would focus on individual and dual fitness activities and the other on team games.

Motion: To move the creation of two new elective PE courses (Fitness through Individual Fitness and Dual Activities and Games and Fitness through Team Activities and Games) to the Board at the February meeting

Proposed by: Sheelagh Lapinski

Seconded by: Carol Burgess

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

8. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

- Presentation by Library Media Specialists on progress implementing coding/ Makerspace activities
- Presentation by new MHS band teacher on his program and numbers of students involved
- Presentation on implementation of RULER SEL program

9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:46 pm

Proposed by: Sheelagh Lapinski

Seconded by: Carol Burgess

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