

**Lebanon Board of Education**  
**Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting**

**Lebanon Middle School Library- Google Meet was also available**

**April 24, 2024**

**4pm**

**In attendance:** Sherry Masterson, Andrew Lathrop, Danelle Person, Alexis Margerelli-Hussey.

**Also in attendance:** Principal James Apicelli, Assistant Principal Sue Mike, Superintendent Andrew Gonzalez, Curriculum Director Rita Quiles-Glover, ELA Dept Chair Diane Ayer, IT Director Jacques Dulac

**I. Called to Order at 4:05** by Danelle Person

**II. ELA New Courses and Textbooks for LMHS:** Danelle thanked Ms. Ayer and the Admins for taking time again to communicate the changes in the ELA department to our newly elected subcommittee members. Ms. Ayer presented a formal slideshow outlining the history and philosophy behind revamping the curriculum into “The Future of English” at LMHS. Some of these reasons include the school’s student choice initiative- if kids are invested in the topic, they will read! Freshman English will remain the same. A survey was given to over 85 students and the top 5 courses are being offered next fall to meet their English requirement for students in grades 10-12. (Many of these courses had not run in the last several years due to low enrollment and less staff available to teach the courses.) The reading courses, in various levels, will be one semester and the writing labs will be offered in another semester, based on grade/ level. Various forms of literature from previous courses as well as newly adopted texts will be used in all coursework. Questions and discussions were had regarding student choice, appropriateness of content, language, and the teacher’s role in facilitating discussion on potentially controversial or sensitive topics. Also, how these new texts and courses will prepare students for standardized tests and real-world applications. The curriculum will be based on state and common core standards.

**III. Adjourned at 5:29**

Submitted by Danelle Person

Subcommittee Chair