

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
May 8, 2012
6:30 PM
AGENDA**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Lori Jahoda, Chairman Judd Wardell
 Darcy Battye

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, Janet Tyler; Lyman High School Principal, Stephen Salisbury; Sandra Tremblay, Melissa Hofmann

I. CALL TO ORDER

L. Jahoda called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM at the Lebanon Middle School Media Center at 891 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT.

II. REVIEW NEW SPANISH TEXTBOOK

Joanne Nowosad reported that the World Language Department is using books from 1997 which are outdated in regards to styles and customs. The new textbook, ¡**Exprésate!**!, aligns with our curriculum, has DVD's for grammar support, CD's to guide students through each chapter, as well as online access for students. This text book also helps students prep for the AP exam. Approximately 140 textbooks would need to be purchased.

III. REVIEW NEW GEOMETRY BOOK

Steve Salisbury reported that the Algebra books are old. Currently the Geometry text has a 2000 copyright date but the book was actually written in 1990. However during the last year or so standards have changed which would require an updated text. The Geometry text being reviewed meets the standards and will be electronically updated over the next several years. Since the textbooks are costly, approval is being sought.

IV. REVIEW NEW ENGLISH NOVELS

Liza Escott reviewed recent additions to the department's literary library that have addressed holes in the current curriculum and provided a direction for next year. Three new novels were presented for approval which will allow students to earn UCONN credits through the Early College Experience course associated with twelfth grade honors English. Novels are Casino Royal, Eyre Affair and Writing Down the Bones. These will update the existing novels and give a more comprehensive story line with current trends. The cost of the novels cost between \$8.00 to \$12.76. The Eyre Affair (\$217.60) and Casino Royal (\$176.20) novel will require 20 copies and Writing Down the Bones will require 50 copies (\$510.00). Few books are available on E-reader or electronic devices and not all students have the devices for downloading materials.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Saucier, Recording Secretary