

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
DECEMBER 14, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Danelle Person (Chair), Dawn Whitcher, Bruce Calef, Alexis Margerelli-Hussey, Maureen McCall, Sarah Haynes (BoE Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Gonzalez (Superintendent), Rita Quiles-Glover (Director of Curriculum and Instruction), Adah Gillon (LMHS PE)

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Danelle Person called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Proposed Coursework Recommendations

The committee heard presentations on the proposed courses at the 11/16/21 meeting. LMHS PE teacher Adah Gillon presented a revised proposal for her Lifetime Fitness and Exercise course. This is a semester-long course that would count towards PE credit, focusing on low-impact activities (such as yoga, Tai Chi, and Pilates) that are effective for lifelong fitness. The full list of proposed course titles follows below. If adopted, the courses would be implemented for the 2022-2023 school year. The committee will recommend their approval by the full Board.

- A. Certified Nursing Assistant
- B. Nutrition for Sport and Exercise
- C. Mathematics for Machine Technology
- D. FAA 107 Drone Pilot Training
- E. Landscape and Turf Management
- F. Lifetime Fitness and Exercise

III. Brit Lit/English Textbook Recommendations

The proposed textbook for the British Literature course is *Into Literature*, recommended by teachers Brian Girasoli and Diane Ayer. It would replace the currently used textbook from 1988. B. Calef stated he had reviewed the book and had some concerns that teachers could use it to skew the discussion towards socialism. R. Quiles-Glover said that educators are focused on exposing students to the text, rather than directing them to think one way or another. She also stated she would pass those concerns along to teachers. The book was on display at the Jonathan Trumbull Library for one month for the public to review.

IV. Policy Recommendation for Policy #6172.6; Credit for Online Coursework

The committee received a proposed revision to the existing online coursework policy (dated 2012) from Shipman & Goodwin. It includes optional language concerning remote learning, which the committee would rather keep separate from dedicated online coursework. The committee tabled the policy discussion until two separate policies (one for online coursework and one for remote learning) are drafted.

V. SRO (School Resource Officer Update)

R. Quiles-Glover reported on the duties of SRO Kevin Slonski. His primary focus is safety and security within school facilities, and building relationships with students. He is present at arrival and dismissal, assists in investigations, and helps with safety drills. This focus has been underscored during the pandemic, though prior to that he had participated in instruction, particularly at the elementary and preschool level during their Community Helpers unit. At LMS, he has primarily been used by the school counselor in addressing issues such as inappropriate texting. He also conducts a Law Enforcement Club during X block at LMHS. He was previously a certified teacher in Connecticut, and emphasized his desire to work alongside Lebanon's educators, rather than interjecting himself from a legal or policing standpoint.

VI. Math Programming Update

R. Quiles-Glover reported that the district is continuing to pilot I-Ready and Illustrative Math (IM) for grades K-8. LMS math teachers visited Griswold schools to observe IM in the classroom, as well as Salem schools to observe I-Ready. Both programs have been positively received by teachers, who will also have the opportunity to observe the other piloted program in Lebanon classrooms in the coming weeks. The two programs will be assessed during February PD, with a target of March or April for a final choice to be presented to the Board. Representatives from both programs will be available for mini-presentations as well.

VII. Adjournment

D. Person adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Walcott (Board Clerk)