

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
DECEMBER 12, 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING 6:15 P.M.**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Nicole McGillicuddy, Superintendent Robert Angeli, Board of Education Chairman – Jason Nowosad, James Mello, Principal Apicelli, Al Vertefeuille, Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Director of Curriculum, Kevin Brodie, teacher, Cynthia Hisman, teacher, David Covino, teacher, Olwen Chin, teacher

1. Call to Order: N. McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. Discuss new courses at Lyman Memorial High School; AP Art History, AP Biology, ECE Introduction to Human Rights, Problems of Philosophy, Russian History, United States Foreign Policy, Music Technology.
Teachers K. Brodie and C. Hisman reviewed the Introduction to Human Rights and Problems of Philosophy classes. The human rights class focuses on historical and current human rights issues. They are considered adjunct professors at U-Conn by teaching these classes. The Problems in Philosophy class is the only class in the State. The cost of the classes was discussed. J. Nowosad noted that these classes would add a broader scope for students with no additional staff. D. Covino reviewed the AP Art History and Music Technology classes. AP credit was explained. There are many online resources. J. Mello questioned the course load of staff now. There would be no additional staff needed. Teaching the classes would be shared by current staff. The cost and use of Apple computers was discussed. J. Nowosad suggested using a pc, and the use of other software. Could also explore other means. May need to invest in microphones and sound equipment. Superintendent Angeli noted that other resources for what is needed for the course have been looked at. Principal Apicelli noted that two other teachers come to the high school. A teacher from LMS would teach AP Art History. The Technical Department may pick up a class. Teacher O. Chen discussed the AP Biology class. She has offered to teach this class. It has not been offered at Lyman before. Some students are struggling with the online class. Some other sections would be consolidated. The proposed schedule and what other high schools do were discussed. A training course that would be offered over the summer for the teacher was discussed. This cost would be funded through the Professional Development line item. A pre-requisite of CP or Honors Biology with a B- or better grade was discussed. Superintendent Angeli noted that individual decisions would be made. Superintendent Angeli noted that these classes are part of the Strategic Plan and more choices and courses for college credit were recommended on the State report card of the district. Students have been requesting more fine arts and access to the arts.

Motion made by N. McGillicuddy and seconded by J. Mello to recommend to the full Board the following classes; AP Art History, AP Biology, ECE Introduction to Human Rights, Problems of Philosophy, Russian History, United States Foreign Policy, Music Technology. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of NEAT PROGRAM

N. McGillicuddy presented information on the program. Suggestion of having a magnet program at the middle school. A greenhouse is being planned with a grant from the Town. The maximum would be 20 students per grade level in grades 5 – 8. This is being suggested for September 2020. J. Nowosad discussed a magnet program within our schools. This would encourage out of town students to go into the ASTE Program. The focus would be at the middle school. Need to generate interest from staff. Need public interest. If someone is interested, please let the building administration know. Superintendent Angeli commented that information needs to be gained if this would be allowable for interdistrict. There has been a state imposed moratorium on new magnet programs. Region 7 has been reached out to as they have a similar program. Collecting information to possibly form a committee. Superintendent Angeli noted the possible parameters and would have to get State approval to generate revenue. N. McGillicuddy inquired if this would be known by the January Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Chapman
Board Clerk