

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE  
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Mary Ellen Wieczorek (6:20 P.M.) Nadine McGillicuddy, Al Vertefeuille

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Robert Angeli, Principal Apicelli, Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Director of Curriculum, Matthew Kansler, teacher, Erin Shuman, teacher

1. Call To Order  
N. McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Recommend 8 period schedule for Lyman Memorial High School  
Principal Apicelli explained the proposed changes to the schedule at the high school. This was presented to teachers in November. The School Improvement Team visited some schools that have this type of schedule. Bolton is the model that was used. A flex period would be added so that students could meet with teachers for help. No instructional time would be lost. This would keep the X Block period. This will still meet the 900 hours of the State mandate. Teachers will still have prep and duty periods. A professional learning community would meet twice a week. Superintendent Angeli noted this schedule will be implemented next year.
3. Recommend 3 UConn ECE ASTE courses  
Principal Apicelli noted that the Horse Science Course was not approved by UConn as it would be a 200 level course. Introduction to Companion Animals and Behavior and Training of Domestic Animals are the two courses presented for approval. Brenda Wildes is the instructor for these courses. It is always good to give students the opportunity for college credit.
4. Recommend changes to music curriculum  
M. Kansler and E. Shuman presented changes for the music curriculum. The changes are to begin band in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the elementary school and add 5<sup>th</sup> grade general music class at the middle school. M. Kansler explained the rationale for these changes. There would be no increase in staff and no increase in budget if these changes are made. There would be half hour lessons at the middle school. Superintendent Angeli noted that these changes came from the teachers and staff.
5. Discuss State Systemic Improvement Plan regarding elementary English/Language Arts  
Principal Gonzalez and Superintendent Angeli gave the background on this plan. There is an achievement gap between disabled students and regular students. Experts from the State will be coming to the school on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 – 12:30 to review survey responses. K. Mozak-Pezza explained the process. This is an information gathering

session. The State could identify Lebanon for support. N. McGillicuddy commented that the elementary school is great and spot on. This item is for information for Board members.

Superintendent Angeli noted that items three and four require full Board action.

K. Mozak-Pezza noted that the subcommittee will need to meet next month.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Chapman  
Board Clerk