

REGULAR MEETING – CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Litchfield Board of Education
Thursday, December 11, 2014, Central Office Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Fabbri (chair); Mr. Falcetti and Mr. Waugh (6:53 p.m.).

Members Absent: Ms. Rosser

Also present: Mr. Simone, Ms. Della Volpe, and Ms. Maraia

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Fabbri: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2014 with corrections as noted. Also present change “Mong” to “Mongeau”.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Communications – none

Public Comment – none

New Business

- a. Science K-12 Curriculum Update:
Pre-K - 3: working with National Standards; Common Core Standards; some shifting of studies, STEM Education activities used, higher level thinking, Pre-K does properties of matter, weather, animals.
Grades 4-6: units of study were presented, CMT is the assessment, results are very good.
Elementary level – has two science teachers.
Grades 7-12: no new courses, 21 students taking AP Physics, 7 in AP Biology.
- b. 6th Grade Teachers Schedules – Tabled until next meeting.
- c. 2018 Graduation Requirements / LHS Course of Studies: State will require 25 credits in 2020; need 2 Foreign Language credits, 4 Math credits, 3 Science credits, 3 Social Studies credits, 4 English credits, 9 Humanities credits; students can be checked for their interests for schedule planning over the years.

Old Business - none

Curriculum Update – none

Personnel –

- LIS Grade 6 Long Term Substitute (LTS) – job posted. Vacancy not until late March or early April.
- Business Manager – position posted. Seven applications to date.

Personnel – continued

- Language Arts – two positions posted. Grade 7 candidate will be hired on a LTS basis until certification is issued by the State. Offer should be made to Grade 8 candidate tomorrow.
- Spanish – position posted. Interviewing has begun with model teaching next week.
- Library Media – Ms. McDevitt will transfer back on December 18th. In the meantime a long term substitute is in place.
- Special Education Teacher – interviews have been completed. Offer to be made.
- Special Education Assistant – position posted. Ms. Mongeau is currently screening applications.
- Education Assistant – LHS Library – position posted. Interviews taking place. Currently filled with a substitute.

Future Agenda Items

- a. 6th Grade Teachers Schedules
- b. World Languages Curriculum 4-12
- c. SRBI Update – LCS, LIS, LHS
- d. Guidance Curriculum

MOTION made by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald R. Falcetti