

REGULAR MEETING – CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Litchfield Board of Education
Thursday, October 13, 2011, Litchfield Intermediate School Art Room, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Fabbri (chair), Ms. Rosser, and Mr. Katzin (at 6:35 p.m.). Mr. Shuhi was absent. Mr. Falcetti appointed as alternate until Mr. Katzin's arrival.

Also present: Dr. Wheeler, Mr. Porri, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Simone, Ms. Della Volpe, Ms. Kubisek, and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 8, 2011

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Rosser: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2011 as corrected. On page two the motion second should read "Ms. Fabbri."

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

Communications – None

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

New Business –

- a. Music Department Curriculum Review – two professional development sessions, curriculum K-12 was focus.
 - Instrumental Music 4-12 – complete
 - General Music – has some to be done
 - Electives – music in Theatre complete, some such as Computerized Music, Theatre workshop remain under development
 - Music Theory Elective Courses – are well enrolled

Evaluation – subjective, plus objective rubrics, students self-analyze their performances that are recorded. Music Department developing a K-12 vision for Music program

Future Needs – Technology will play a key part in coming years, 72 students are in Computerized Music this year.

- b. 2011 Student Assessment Results –
 - NCLB Targets – Math above, Reading below targets for 2011, reached targets for AYP.
 - CAPT – Grade 10 math not met, Reading target met

- DRG – compared Litchfield rankings
 - i. Berkshire League CAPT – ranking lower this year; stronger showings last year in D.R.G.
 - ii. Vertical Scale Growth – examined both Math and Reading for grades 3-8
 - iii. Language Arts – Reader Text Connections challenges students, grades 3-8 writing scores most affected by revising/composing skills. Grade 10 editing/revisement challenge is met, but fall short on persuasive writing, better at reading for information.
 - iv. Instructional Adjustments to Reading – reviewed for Center School, Intermediate School and High School.
 - v. Instructional Adjustments for Writing – reviewed for Center School, Intermediate School and High School.
 - vi. Math – reviewed for Center School, Intermediate School and High School.
 - vii. Science – reviewed for center School, Intermediate School and High School.
 - viii. SAT – comparisons for Class of 2011 were reviewed.
 - ix. Advanced Placement Tests – were examined.
 - x. Reviewed how Litchfield uses test data as an element of SRBI.

- c. Superintendent's Goals – goals set in Budget/Finance, Communication, Curriculum Education Program development, Professional Leadership, Inter-District Collaboration and Policy.

Curriculum Steering Committee Update – none

Future Agenda Items – none

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Ms. Rosser: to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald R. Falcetti