

**REGULAR MEETING – CURRICULUM/PROGRAMS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Litchfield Board of Education**  
**Thursday, December 12, 2013, Central Office Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.**

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

Members Present: Ms. Fabbri (chair); Ms. Rosser; Mr. Waugh and Mr. Falcetti.

Also present: Dr. Wheeler, Mr. Simone, Mr. Parker, Ms. Turner, Ms. Della Volpe, Ms. McAdam and the public.

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Mr. Waugh and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2013.

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

**Communications** – none

### **Public Comment**

- Constant Contact – how enrollment might be increased.

**Old Business** - none

### **New Business**

- a. Vocation Track Training: program has two certification levels for rope courses, 40 hour course, trains leadership skills, would be for grades 9-12, students can become certified as course supervisors, could be an independent study course.
- b. Restructuring Delivery of Reading Support Services: two teachers do reading recovery, another teacher is coaching teachers, helps students maintain what was learned in interventions.
- c. LHS Course of Studies: not many changes, Business Department working on modifying courses, use local business resources, AP Physics being rewritten.
- d. Senior Capstone Project: not a requirement but program is growing, the process is very important, now have three advisors.
- e. Social Studies K-12 Curriculum update:
  1. Center School – Common Core standards are incorporated into Social Studies program.
  2. Intermediate School - overview posted on website, incorporate Common Core standards, close reading is incorporated, need more source materials, 5<sup>th</sup> grade integrates more with Language Arts, 6<sup>th</sup> grade concentrates on Global perspectives.

3. High School – 7<sup>th</sup> grade is world regional studies, 8<sup>th</sup> grade is U.S. History with a Constitutional focus, 9-12 courses are the same, Western Humanities course has made many changes, using Common Core Standards.
- f. Mastery Based Diploma presentation: an up and coming program, was reviewed, compared the current system with Mastery Based System.

**Curriculum Update**: none

**Personnel**: none

**Future Agenda Items**

- a. Math K-12 Curriculum Update
- b. Wamogo/L.H.S. AP Psychology Course Update

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Rosser: to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donald R. Falcetti