

Minutes of the Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting held on October 06, 2016, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: Mr. Scott Clayton, Alt.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, T. Yonsky, M. Rutledge

Robin Renner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman  
Mrs. Courtney Martin  
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien  
Mrs. Robin Renner  
Mr. Larry Craybas, Ex. Offico

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien was updated to present at: 7:03 PM  
Mrs. Courtney Martin was updated to present at: 7:03 PM  
Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman was updated to present at: 7:03 PM

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**1. Agriscience and Technology Program- Region 14 (Woodbury, Bethlehem) Presentation**

Mike Rafferty, Director of Teaching and Learning, Region 14, Alice Jones, Principal of Nonnewaug, Wendy Yatsenick, Director of School Counseling, and Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., Superintendent presented the Agriscience and Technology Program at Nonnewaug High School - Region 14.

Mr. Rafferty reviewed with the committee the:

- Newly revised curriculum in the agriscience and technology programs.
- Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SEAP) Experience examples and noted they will be expanding the equestrienne program.
- FAA Program all student in the Agriscience and Technology Program are required to belong to for the development of leadership and citizenship.
- Unique opportunities available, National Conf., Regional Competitions, Farm to Table, etc.

Models of instruction:

- Classroom Labs and field instruction
- Work Experience Program
- FAA

Certification – Veterinary

College Articulations

- UCONN ECE
- University of Bridgeport
- Texas A & M

Advanced Placement Courses

Sports & Clubs available

College & Career Center for Students - brings in over 100 colleges that representatives make individual appointments with student.

Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., Superintendent, noted the program has a 50 year history and has national recognition and sees the program growing programmatically while enrollment remaining the same. The program has 253 slots for 23 other districts and 100 available for Bethel. Currently Bethel has seven (7) students attending. Bethel has had as many as eleven (11) attending the program and as few as three (3). She also noted students attending the program are a part of Nonnewaug High School, Reg. 14 community, not just the Agriscience and Technology Program.

The committee will also hear a presentation from Shepaug, Region 12 on their program and will then be recommending a program to the full Board for approval to send district students to. The committee discussed the need for capping the number of students being sent to an Agriscience Program.

## **2. Audience Participation**

None.

## **3. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Pare  
Board Recorder