

Waunakee Community School District
BOE-Curriculum Committee

Minutes

Date: October 20, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Administration Building-905 Bethel Circle

BOE Members: **Peggy Hill-Breunig, Eric Esser, and Julie Waner**

Other Present: **Ann Bennett, Lisa Carothers, Catie Anderson, Shelley Weiss, Randy Guttenberg, Tim Schell, Mike Hensgen**

- I. Call to order by Chairperson Peggy Hill-Breunig**
- II. Public input on agenda items-None**
- III. New Course Proposals (2010-11)**

-Spanish (grade 6) – This course is a continuation of the approved elementary WL program. We should have the specific plan available for review at the full BOE meeting on Nov. 9.

-Creative Writing (HS)-Lisa Carothers reviewed the proposal to add a new HS creative writing course. Motion by Eric E., second Julie W. to recommend approval to the full BOE. Motion carried 3-0.

-HS Spanish (1.5)- Catie Anderson explained the rationale for the proposal to add a Spanish course between Level I & Level II. After discussion about the scope & purpose for the coursed. Motion by Eric E., second Julie W. to table this until the Nov. 2009 World Language program evaluation process can provide a recommendation regarding this proposal. Motion carried 3-0. The plan generated from the program evaluation will still be considered for the 2010-11 school year.

-Marketing I - Proposal is to expand the grade level for Marketing I to include sophomores. This will allow students the opportunity to run for state office (DECA). Motion by. Julie W., second Eric E to recommend approval to the full BOE. Motion carried 3-0.

-MS Reading & Writing Workshop- Ann Bennett & Shelley Weiss presented a proposal to add a MS Reading & Writing Workshop as a required elective (by invitation only course). The purpose for the course is to provide additional reading 7 writing support for selected MS students. Motion by Eric E., second Julie W. to recommend approval to the full BOE contingent on the availability of funds (district or Title I) to add 1.0 FTE . Motion carried 3-0.

IV. Program Evaluation

- **Social Studies-one year from an on-site audit is focusing on reading in the content area and effect (positive & negative) of WL on elementary social studies program.**
- **Art – Shelley Weiss reported that the Art depart has a solid focus on data and curriculum improvement in their self-study. They are one year away from an on-site audit also.**
- **World Language On-Site Audit will be conducted on November 11-12, 2009. Mike distributed the strengths/weaknesses/action plan portion of the study. Hoping that BOE members will sign-up to me interviewed on either Nov. 11 (PM) or Nov. 12 (AM). Please let Mike know if you have time in your busy schedules to be interviewed by an outside auditor during that timeframe.**

V. Summer School Update-We should have a recommendation on the coordination of the program to the BOE on Nov. 9. Presently working on interviewing program coordinators and development of the menu of courses for the summer of 2010.

VI. 4K Progress Report-Meeting monthly with the area pre-schools. All our study revolves around a community-based 4K program, thus no district classrooms would be needed. The target date for a recommendation is the spring 2010. If a community-based 4K program were to be approved, Mike does not envision it beginning before the fall of 2011.

Motion by Julie, second Eric to dismiss. Passed 3-0 at 8:14 PM

cc. Tim Schell, Kurt Eley, Dan Carter, Chris Hetzel, Brian Kersten, Sheila Weihert, Shelley Weiss, Dean Kaminski, Randy Guttenberg, BOE.