

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
APRIL 25TH, 2022 @ 6:30PM

Board Members Present: P. Reddy, Chair; E. Urbanski; K. Tuccillo; T. Wall (phone)
Administrators Present: Scott Cascone - Spdt; J. Charney - Interim Asst Spdt, A. Lamoglia, Director of Special Services;
Meeting Location: Board of Education office

The committee met in person on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30pm for its Curriculum and Instruction/Special Services Committee Meeting. The following agenda items were discussed.

Superintendent's Recommendations for Approval

1. Approval of Out-of-District Travel, District Personnel: reviewed list of teachers & staff attending various conferences.
2. Approval of Student Trips: Reviewed school trips planned in the 4 district schools. Nice to see the Satz kids heading back to Great Adventure.
3. [Approval of Curriculum Writing Projects](#): Reviewed curriculum writing projects that span across all departments (math/science - Killean, world languages – Simonelli, Eng/tech – McConnell, Humanities, PE, Perf Arts etc). This led to continued discussion on the Ready Math program that has been piloted for this past year. Feedback has been good but plan to get direct feedback from Ms Killean & Monteleone at next C&I Meeting. The "In-to" math program has been piloted for less than a year & is still being evaluated. Administration would want to make a decision after the 3rd benchmark tests are released.
4. [Approval of remanded day of the 2021-2022 School Calendar](#): Discussed adjustment to the calendar due to not using 3 snow days.
5. [Approval of Policy 2431- First read](#): Reviewed Athletic competition policy which was last updated in 2018. Added in new sports to the policy (boys volleyball, fencing & girls flag football). Only addition I would like to see added involves Satz wrestling. Currently only 7th & 8th graders are allowed to wrestle on the Satz wrestling team. Unfortunately the team before a match starts is already behind or has lost because they cannot fill many weight classes due to number of wrestlers on the team so they get an automatic DQ (loss) in those spots. We can remedy this by allowing 6th graders who wrestle & would like to compete the ability to join the team. Would have to work out transportation to practice & meets but assume it would not be much different than Vo Tech students who play on HS teams. This has been an on-going issue for years & would be a win-win for all involved. All the neighboring districts have allowed I would expect we would write the policy that no 6th grader would take an 7th or 8th graders spot. They would only be allowed to wrestle if the weight was open.
6. [Approval of Student Teachers/Clinical Practices/Observations/Field Experiences](#): Reviewed application for college graduate student to be an intern in the athletic department this summer.
7. [Approval of Appointment, Summer Step Up Program Staff, 2022/2023 School Year](#): Reviewed staff appointments for Summer Step Up program. Funded by Title I Esser II funds. _
8. [Approval of Amended Appointment, Supplemental Student Support, Before and After School, 2021/2022 School Year](#): Reviewed staff appointments for before & after school programs. Funded by Title I Esser II funds. _
9. [Approval of Revised Standardized Testing Schedule for 2021/2022 School Year](#): Reviewed revised testing schedule. Few adjustments in times for tests happening in May. _
10. [Approval of Amendment to the accepted submission Elementary and Secondary Education \(ESEA\) Grant Awards 2021/2022](#): Reviewed amendment reference Grant Awards that include Title I through IV grants.

Special Services

1. Home/Hospital Instruction: Reviewed list of student(s) receiving home/hospital based instruction.
2. Approved of Care of Injured and Ill Persons: Policy 8441: Reviewed policy on Care of Injured & Ill persons.
3. Approval of Child Study Team Members to Conduct Summer Evaluations and Attend Meetings; Reviewed list of child study team (CST) members to do summer work.
4. Stars Program discussion: super positive feedback on this program. Varies from 7 to 17 students. Some recent accolades include 1 student recently being admitted to Villanova University. Sophia Borges received an award from Count Basie for a film she produced.

New Business:

1. Registration Enrollment for Summer Step Up: Currently 200 enrolled. Small groups (multiple areas: Math, reading, AP, band, dance, theater).
2. SAT / PSAT Results: SAT: 800 tested. 1,226 district average. 5 test dates. Aug 2021 1,304 average which was the highest while Nov 2021 1,159 average was the lowest.
PSAT: 400 tested. 10th grade average: 1,009. 11th grade average: 1,103
- Discussed topic of the district paying for the SAT test similar to what we started to do for AP tests. More discussion to be had but initial consensus was the district would pay for 1 SAT test. Logistics would have to be figured out how that happens. If we have a district-wide test for Holmdel students only etc.
3. Health Education NJ Student Learning Standards 2020 [last revision](#); [2020 Standards](#), Prospective Date for town hall May 11, 7:00 P.M. Continued discussion around this very sensitive topic.

Other items to keep on the C&I Radar:

1. School Starting Times School start times discussed. Additional research to be done to see if this is something the district will seriously look into.
2. **Class Sizes:** Need to review class sizes specifically for grades K-6. Sizes were in low 20s & seems sizes may have crept up. Spdt & Asst Spdt to have average class sizes for next C&I meeting.
3. **SAT Scores: completed.**
4. **Vo-Tech acceptances:** Need to provide Board list of students who were accepted to Monmouth County Vo techs this year. Need to do compare to last 3 years so we can track the trend.
5. **College Acceptances:** Need to ensure the district communicates to public all the colleges our Seniors have been accepted to.

**Next meeting date: Tentatively
Monday May 16 @ 6:30pm**