

**Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes**  
**March 18, 2014**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Board Office Conference Room**

**Attending:** Board Members: Phyllis Pascucci, Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu, Victor DeSario Joseph Hammer  
Administrators: Robert McGarry and Barbara Duncan

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/REPORTS

1. MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOK ADOPTION PROCESS

Alicia Killean, Supervisor of Math and Science reported to the committee on the progress of the assessment/evaluation of the Math curriculum and resources for the districts' K-6 program. The assessment process revealed a need to update our current series to align to the common core and to provide consistency between grade levels for the students. At present the teachers and administrators are in the process of selecting a new Math Series Textbook. A selection will be finalized in April on the specific series to pilot. The anticipated date for the piloting of the new series is September 2014.

2. UPDATE ON HIGH SCHOOL GRADING POLICY

The committee reviewed the new High School Grading Policy/System - the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Robert McGarry, contacted the DOE to inquire whether the district could institute the new grading retroactively. The DOE strongly advised against this as it would result in a significant mismatch/invalidation of our course grade data sent previously to the state. In addition, the committee was in agreement that the new grading policy would be implemented at the start of the 2015 school year.

3. CURRICULUM WRITING PROJECTS 2014-2015

Approved by the committee and recommended for approval by the Board the curriculum writing will update and align curriculum with the new common core standards.

TEXTBOOK APPROVAL- All But My Life-to supplement the 8th grade Language Arts Curriculum

**Items for information:**

Next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for: April 8, 2014 at the Board Office Conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Pascucci