

Minutes of the Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Meeting

North Boone Community Unit School District #200

Held at North Boone District Office

6248 North Boone School Road

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 3:45 p.m.

AMENDED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Mr. Joe Haverly. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Greenlee, Joe Haverly, Mary Maxey, Jake Hubert, Heather Walsh, Tina Babcock, Kristi Franseen, Kelly Hanaman, Melissa Nachampassack, Liz Saveley and Tracy Schabacker. Absent: Mary Piskie, Kirshna Selchow and Mike Winebrenner.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Kim Krawczyk addressed the committee with concerns regarding weighted classes. She said for the last two years, her son has taken a class at Hononegah High School through CEANCI and Project Lead the Way in Engineering. Hononegah does not weight this class as an honors credit, and therefore North Boone isn't weighting the grades. Her son took a test at the end of the class and received a score that allowed him to apply for and receive college credit. She feels that if any North Boone student receives college credit for a class then North Boone should weight the class with an honors credit.

REVIEW OF POLICY AND COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

Jake Hubert mentioned the practice of giving grades based on the host school has been past practice. He agrees that this CEANCI class is very rigorous. He said while Hononegah has weighted and AP courses, they have not weighted this course. He suggested the Committee could look at coming up with some criteria for these situations. Mr. Haverly said he believed Ms. Krawczyk has valid points and questioned if there was no policy, should we really rely on past practice only. Mr. Hubert said the closest comparison we have is the Vocational Education program. Ms. Krawczyk stated if a North Boone student takes an honors course, they receive a weighted grade, even though they may not do well on the test.

Mr. Haverly asked how the committee felt with this new information. Kelly Hanaman felt this should be an honors class if it is that level of rigor. Mr. Hubert said the curriculum guide states information about courses for college. It was discussed that some of the determining factors could include the ability to earn college credit in addition to passing a test.

Dr. Greenlee suggested addressing policy and making appropriate changes. He felt the decision should be stated in policy and in the curriculum guide.

Mr. Hubert felt it would be difficult to change the weighted course criteria retroactively. He also noted Valedictorian and Salutatorian are determined on the seventh semester GPA, and those

students have already been notified. Dr. Greenlee felt any changes that need to be made, should be for the future and not for past situations. The Committee felt the timing of determining Valedictorian and Salutatorian should be re-visited.

Mr. Haverly recommended the Policy Committee come up with new policies to address these topics. Dr. Greenlee said he would work with Policy Committee on the language of policy 6:310.

Mr. Hubert gave a presentation on high school curriculum topics, including Running Start. He would like increase GPA to qualify for Running Start. He would also like to have policies to follow to uphold decisions.

Dr. Greenlee said we need to determine how to establish equivalencies, credits, and the process for reviewing course equivalencies, Running Start criteria and repayment.

Mr. Haverly would like to look at the current policy of giving only .5 credit for college courses.

RUNNING START AND DUAL CREDIT DATA

Mr. Hubert gave a presentation on the Running Start and CEANCI programs and criteria. He provided enrollment and GPA statistics for the program. Mr. Hubert also discussed the cost of Running Start vs. CEANCI. He said we currently give credit dependent upon what the hosting school gives to the student. He also presented data on surrounding districts with dual credit courses.

2016-2017 PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

Mr. Hubert discussed the high school math needs and is estimating the need of one additional math teacher based on enrollment numbers. He also said we could consider overloads. Mrs. Hanaman said we have enough money in reserves to do these types of things with curriculum.

Mr. Pearce gave a presentation on social studies and noted there were approximately 54 students that didn't have exposure due to RtI, as study skills are done during the social studies block. He suggested two additional social studies teacher and a .5 special education teacher to break up the tracks.

Mr. Haverly said it would be \$150K in staffing costs and approximately \$45-50K in 7th grade computers.

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Dr. Greenlee left at 5:50 p.m.
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OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed that if Social Studies were brought back, the earlier the better. However, Mrs. Hanaman noted the Committee should not feel it is too late to bring it back for the upcoming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is TBA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Haverly, Chair