

## **WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **Curriculum Committee**

#### **Minutes**

April 26, 2021 3:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Audio Recording: Yes

Video Recording: Yes

#### **Members Present**

Tracey Anderson

Ann Grosjean

Laura Rodriguez

#### **Also Present**

Phil Stevens, Superintendent of Schools

Mary Kay Tshonas, HMS principal

Erica Bushior, Math chair

Kristen Stevens, ELA chair

#### **1. Call to Order**

Superintendent Stevens called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

#### **2. Curriculum work update**

Erica Bushior and Kristen Stevens provided an update on the curriculum writing process. Kristen shared the challenges associated with writing curriculum with the other current district needs including administering SBAC testing, the Foundations of Reading test, and the LAS links test, working with remote learners, and professional development with Eastconn. Both teachers shared that minimal curriculum writing has occurred since the last curriculum committee meeting.

#### **3. American Rescue Plan funds for curriculum**

Superintendent Stevens shared that around \$600,000 of funding is coming to the district. He shared a list of district needs that have already been met utilizing prior grant funding. Superintendent Stevens shared the existing needs identified by the administrative team. He shared the greatest need that would have the largest impact on learning loss related to COVID would be hiring a Director of Curriculum and Instruction for a three year term to be entirely covered by grant funding. Principal Tshonas shared her support for the position and how the concentrated effort the director would be able to provide would be beneficial to the district. Board members asked about sharing the position with Ashford, the role of the Director, and how the individual would continue the work that has already been completed. Superintendent Stevens shared the Director would impact all students and teachers while hiring an additional teacher would only impact a limited number of students. He also shared that the principals would take over the curriculum revision process after the three year period. Board members supported the creation of the position using grant funds to cover the cost.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.