1. Call to Order

   A. Roll Call of members by the Committee Secretary
   Sheldon Bailey, committee chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Members Arnold, Christensen, Vogler, Rubottom and Zeidler; and the following members were absent: Rose and Teter. Whereupon the Chairman determined there were enough members present for a quorum.

   B. Recognition of Visitors
   Board members, staff and others present: Michaela Fray, Carol Frericks, Jody Steinke, Jen Drew, Jeff Kerkhoff and Deb Husar/Quincy Herald Whig.

   C. Approval of Agenda
   Chairman Bailey asked if there were any items to be added to the agenda. Chairman Bailey asked that the committee discuss changing the date of the August meeting.

2. Questions and Comments from the Public
   Jeff Kerkhoff distributed articles to those present. He reminded those present that September 17th is the 230th anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution. Mr. Kerkhoff also pointed out sections in the textbooks he has reviewed and commented on the information contained in them. These included, the difference between causation and correlation, use of hypothesis, and he felt the digestive system was not adequately covered. It was pointed out that teachers use additional resources to address gaps in textbooks. He also highlighted an article that addressed opposition to NGSS in the state of Wyoming.

   Committee Discussion Items

   A. Textbook Adoption Proposal
   Chairman Bailey noted that at the last Board meeting adoption of the K-5 Science textbook purchase was approved. He stated that there was discussion at the meeting on funding for these textbooks. Chairman Bailey shared that donations to the Quincy Public Schools Foundation (QPSF) as well as other foundations have been designated for the purchase of the K-5 textbooks. Carol noted that there were three sources of funding for the textbooks:

   o The Healthy Community Investment Grant provided funding for textbook purchases for the Center for Creative Learning summer science opportunity for K-8 grade students, as well as staff salaries and professional development.
   o Title I Grant funds from 2016-2017
   o QPSF
Jody Steinke, QHS principal presented a textbook adoption proposal to the committee for the purchase of science textbooks. The proposed textbooks are for biology, environmental science, human anatomy, microbiology, AP physics and physics. The total proposed cost is $56,697.60. Jody noted that teachers have been piloting materials for the past 12 months, gathering feedback from students and involved teachers, and meeting to discuss what materials would best meet the needs of their students as well as align to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The district science leadership team feels that the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) materials align K-12, which provides consistency and coherence for students. Also, HMH materials require students to use critical thinking skills. Pearson and McGraw Hill textbooks were recommended to be used for AP physics and human anatomy respectively.

Environmental science was added this year as an alternate third year option for science. It was noted that standards not covered in other subjects are being covered in environmental science.

The proposed textbooks will be available for review in Carol’s office for the next 30 days. It was also noted that funding sources for these textbooks are being determined. Chairman Bailey asked for a recommendation for the Board to place the proposed materials on the table for review for the next 30 days and if there are no objections to approve. A motion was made by member Zeidler and seconded by member Rubottom.

Carol noted that she expects a recommendation for new science textbooks for QJHS for the 2018-2019 school year. The QJHS science teachers have been piloting new textbooks and are now considering materials from HMH and McGraw Hill.

**Recommend to the Board of Education for Action** - Place the proposed science materials for QHS on the table for review for the next 30 days and if there are no objections to approve.

3. **Consider any other matter relating to the curriculum needs or concerns of the district**
   - **Topics Raised by Committee Members** – Change the August meeting date to August 21st as Committee Chairmen are not available on the previously scheduled date of August 14th.

4. **Adjourn** – 5:32

   **Next Meeting** – August 21, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. RM 214 BOE