

**Quincy Public School Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**Board Office Conference Room # 231**  
**December 14, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**A. Roll Call of members by the Committee Secretary**

Sheldon Bailey, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Bailey directed the Committee Secretary to call the roll. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Bailey, Arnold, Cashman, Rose, Teter, Vogler, and Zeidler; and the following members were absent: Member Kuhlman, and Rubottom. Whereupon the Chairman determined a quorum was present.

**B. Public Comment**

Member Bailey also asked if there were any topics to be added to the agenda and there were none.

**Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Board members, staff and others present:** Carol Frericks, Julie Stratman, Cal Lee, Jen Drew, Mark Pfleiger, Kate Schumacher, Loren Kiest, Jody Steinke, Danielle Edgar, Cheryl Dreasler, Kaleb Smith, Julie Ross, Michaela Fray, Kim Dinkheller, Jeff Kerkhoff and Deborah Husar (Quincy Herald Whig)

**2. Committee Discussion Items**

**A. Curriculum Proposals for 2016-2017**

Quincy Senior High School (QHS), Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center (QAVTC) and Adams County Regional Safe Schools (ACRSS) proposed coursework and curriculum pathways for the 2016-2017 school year.

**PLTW Computer Science** - Kaleb Smith, QAVTC teacher outlined the proposed courses for a new Project Lead the Way (PLTW) pathway, Computer Science. If adopted, this would be the third PLTW pathway for QHS. *PLTW Computer Science empowers students in grades 9-12 to become creators, instead of merely consumers, of the technology all around them.* These proposed courses would fill the current void in computer science courses at QHS. There are also courses available at the junior high level, as well as enrichment opportunities at the elementary level to build interest in computer science through coding clubs. Kaleb noted that one course, *Introduction to Computer Science*, would be added during the 2016-2017 school year, with one additional course added for the subsequent three years. Danielle Edgar, QHS principal, noted that the PLTW Computer Science courses at QHS will be grade weighted. She also pointed out that no additional teachers or FTEs will be required for this curriculum as a current computer science teacher will assume this course as part of his/her schedule. Danielle also gave a breakdown of the estimated costs for implementing PLTW Computer Science. If approved this course will be added to the course listings booklet for 2016-2017, and student interest will be measured during registration in January 2016.

**Agricultural Science** – Mark Pfleiger, Director of QAVTC, stated that local industry has stated there is a need for this type of curriculum. He noted this curriculum is a 5 course sequence. Each course in the sequence was briefly discussed. He shared that we are 1 of 2 centers in the West Central Region that do not have an agricultural program in place. If this curriculum is approved they will determine student interest and if the response is low they will delay implementing until the 2017-2018 school year. Funding and estimated costs were discussed. Mark noted that this curriculum would require an additional FTE.

**Additional QHS Courses** - Additional proposed courses in Entrepreneurship, Government, Journalism, and Art were also presented and discussed. Complete descriptions for each course proposal are attached.

Carol shared that Quincy Junior High School (QJHS) will submit curriculum proposals at the January Curriculum Committee meeting.

**ACRSS – Regional Safe Schools Cooperative Education Program** – Member Bailey noted that the Board has already approved submitting the application for the Regional Safe Schools Cooperative Education Program grant. Cheryl Dreasler, Director of ACRSS reported on the specifics of the Cooperative Education Program. If the grant and proposal is approved, one current staff member will begin taking online courses in January of 2016. Five employers must be secured as well as eight students chosen for the program (students must be sixteen by January of 2017). Students will begin classroom instruction in the fall of 2016 and will begin on the job training in the spring of 2017. All associated costs are covered by the grant.

Member Bailey asked for a motion to approve all Curriculum Proposals for 2016-2017. A motion was made by member Cashman and seconded by member Teter.

#### **B. Textbook Adoption Report**

Jody Steinke, QHS Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction and Kim Dinkheller, QJHS Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction are evaluating our current textbook needs and will report at a later date.

- 3. Recommend to the Board of Education for Action** - Accept the curriculum proposals for 2016-2017 as presented.
- 4. Consider any other matter relating to the curriculum needs or concerns of the district** – Carol Frericks responded to an earlier question posed by member Cashman on the transition plan for QPS. Carol shared that the first phase of the transition plan was presented to the Board. The second phase will be addressed this month and public responses for the 6-9 transition will follow.
- 5. Questions and comments from the public** – Jeff Kerkhoff distributed an article to those present, *Battle Won Over AP U.S. History, but Not Yet the War*. He also commented on the curriculum proposals presented this evening.
- 6. Adjourn – 6:13 p.m.**

**Next Meeting – January 11, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. RM 231 BOE**