

**Quincy Public School Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**Board Office Conference Room # 231**  
**May 9, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.**

**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. 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 Arnold, Rose, Teter, Rubottom, Vogler, and Zeidler; and the following members were absent: Member Cashman. 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. The agenda was approved.

**Board members, staff and others present:** Julie Stratman, Carol Frericks, Roy Webb, Kate Schumacher, Danielle Edgar, Dan Sparrow, Jeff Kerkhoff and Deborah Husar (Quincy Herald Whig), WGEM Reporter

**2. Questions and Comments from the Public**

Member Arnold commented on a recent QHW letter to the editor by Superintendent Webb, commending him on the positive feedback he is receiving from teachers and the community. Jeff Kerkhoff distributed articles to those present, and he provided comments on these articles.

**3. Committee Discussion Items**

**A. Retention Update**

Julie Stratman, Elementary Academic Director, provided an update by school on students who have been retained. She noted updates are provided during the school year and a final written retention update report will be provided to the committee in August following the completion of summer school. She described the process for determining which students will be retained. Chairman Bailey stated that the community has an interest in helping QPS students succeed. Julie commented on the Mentor Program at QPS and she shared that community members can volunteer to mentor students to provide academic as well as social/emotional support.

**B. QHS Enrollment Update**

Carol Frericks, Secondary Academic Director, stated that several new courses for Quincy Senior High School (QHS) were recommended by the Curriculum Committee to the School Board for approval in December. Danielle Edgar, QHS principal, reviewed the *QHS/Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center (QAVTC) 2016-17 New Course Enrollment* information that was distributed to those present. Danielle and Mark Pfleiger, Director of QAVTC, noted that there has been solid interest in the new courses planned for QHS/QAVTC. Carol and Mark commented on the dual credit progress being made with John Wood Community College (JWCC). Mark stated that JWCC has provided QPS with a draft of a consortia agreement which has been revised and returned to JWCC. Mark shared that they are looking at the 2017-2018 school year to begin providing dual credit for students in the Diesel Tech Program. He noted

that course credit for students enrolled prior to 2017-2018 for these courses can be put in escrow. There was discussion on the use of Physical Education (PE) waivers as a way to open up a student's schedule to allow them to enroll in elective courses. Carol stated that the QPS PE waiver for the next two school years was granted by the Illinois General Assembly. It was pointed out that the addition of these new course offerings has not resulted in any current course offerings being removed. Danielle discussed adding a dual credit *Introduction to Education* career cluster for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **C. Curriculum Development Guide**

Chairman Bailey commented that a Curriculum Guide has been needed for several years. Carol reviewed the Curriculum Development Guide noting that the Introduction on page 2 of the guide sets the purpose for this document as a guide for the Curriculum Committee and teacher leaders to align QPS curriculum to the new Illinois Learning Standards. The guide outlines the district's seven-year curriculum review and alignment cycle. It was noted that this cycle does allow for revisions when necessary. There was discussion on curricular resources for new teachers, such as unit maps and Curriculum Connector, and providing instruction for teachers on MAP in order for them to utilize MAP fully and understand its purpose. The committee was asked to review the draft copy of the *Curriculum Development Guide* in preparation for further discussion at the June Curriculum Committee meeting.

#### **4. Recommend to the Board of Education for Action - None**

#### **5. Consider any other matter relating to the curriculum needs or concerns of the district**

- Topics Raised by Committee Members – None

#### **6. Adjourn – 6:17 p.m.**

**Next Meeting – June 13, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. RM 231 BOE**