

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

5:30 PM

Conference Room

Administration Building, 30 Phipps Ave, Rice Lake, WI

- I. **The meeting was called to Order:**
- II. **Call to Order—Present: Committee Members:** Keven Jensen, Dianne Koser, Don Cuskey, Nellie Scheurer, Marsha Scherz  
**District Staff:** Jennifer Helstad, Jessica Mackiewicz, Curt Pacholke  
**Absent:**  
**Community:** None
- III. **Marsha Scherz announced that a notice of the meeting was communicated by public notice as required by 19.84 of WI statutes.**
- IV. **Approval of February 16, 2023 meeting minutes:** Keven Jensen and Don Cuskey motioned to approve the February 16, 2023 meeting minutes. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- V. **Agenda Items:**
  - A. High School Social Studies: Jen Helstad
    - Jennifer Helstad shared the recommendation for the adoption of the “Henretta” AP United States History textbook, America’s History from Bedford, Freeman, & Worth. She also recommends adopting the AP Exam study book United States History by AMSCO/Perfection Learning to have available for students. Curt Pacholke discussed the option for students to take AP US History and AP European History for dual credit from UWEC-Barron County. Don Cuskey motioned to approve the recommendation. Nellie Scheurer seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  - B. Guatemala & Belize Trip: Jessica Mackiewicz
    - Jessica Mackiewicz presented a proposal to lead a student trip to Guatemala and Belize during the summer of 2025. She shared the benefits of educational travel and the proposed plans for this trip. She submitted the forms required in Board Policy 351. Keven Jensen motioned to approve the proposed trip. Don Cuskey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  - C. Middle School Math Resources: Marsha
    - Marsha Scherz reported on the work that has been done with the Middle School Math curricular resource review. The grade 6, 7, and 8 math

courses will use Illustrative Math from McGraw Hill on a pilot basis for the 2023-24 school year.

D. Curriculum Updates: Marsha

- Marsha Scherz shared a few updates:
  - a) Elementary teachers had professional learning with their new literacy resources and the materials are arriving.
  - b) The 8th Grade Success class will add coding and robotics during the 2023-24 school year.
  - c) Marsha also shared the MLSS (Multi Level Systems of Support) team's mission and vision and the district MLSS framework.

E. Discussion: Potential Personal Financial Literacy requirement (Assembly Bill 109)

- The committee discussed the proposal to require that to graduate high school, a pupil must earn one-half credit of personal financial literacy.

VI. **Next Meeting:** June 20, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Administration Building Conference Room.

VII. **Adjourn:** Don Cuskey and Keven Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting. All present voting yes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Marsha Scherz on May 17, 2023