

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Student Achievement Committee
April 22, 2015

Present: Merrill Adams, Nancy Boyle, Victor Friedrich, Kerrie Flanagan

Absent: Eileen Buckheit, Raffaella Fronc

Also in attendance: Dr. Berry, Brian Falcone

No public was present

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mrs. Boyle to approve the agenda, second Dr. Friedrich. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting: Motion made by Mrs. Boyle to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 Student Achievement meeting with the following amendments: replace "proscribed" with "effective"; correct verb agreement, replace second word "grateful" in paragraph five with "privileged". The amended minutes were approved.

New courses at the high school: Principal Brian Falcone of Coginchaug presented an interesting and informative overview of the new courses at the high school. The committee was impressed with the addition of not only more AP and college level classes, but also with a greater number of engaging courses for students of all abilities. Coginchaug and Special Ed administrators, and the Coginchaug faculty have been instrumental in proposing the changes and staff members have taken courses and training in order to offer these choices.

One other focus will be on careers. Speakers from many walks of life have begun addressing students on careers and the preparation needed academically to enter those vocations.

The high school schedule will be slightly modified next year to provide students with a schedule that gives equal time to every class each week while keeping the block schedule generally intact. Because of the new courses, some summer curriculum writing will be necessary.

Members of the Student Achievement Committee met the presentation with enthusiasm and will recommend to the entire Board that the pilot programs offered for the next school year at Coginchaug Regional High School be approved.

Dr. Berry spoke briefly about the visit she and Dr. Veronesi made to an exciting STEM program in Bristol. Due to the lack of time, the committee tabled other agenda items until the next Student Achievement meeting in the fall.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Mrs. Boyle to adjourn, second Dr. Friedrich.