

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
SCHOOL BOARD
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2014

Committee Members Present : S. Carleton, G. Emery, C. Bachofner, D. Robishaw,
Other Board Members Present : L. Andrews, N. Mullaney
Staff Members Present : N. Guyer, A. Pietroski
Others Present : NA
Location : RSU 13 Board Meeting Room – McLain Building

I. Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by Curriculum Committee Chair, S. Carleton at 5:30 PM.

II. Gifted and Talented (GT) Program review:

Anne Pietroski, RSU 13 Gifted & Talented teacher, and Neal Guyer provided the committee with an overview of the historical evolution of GT services within both former SADs, and the program's development stages since consolidation into RSU 13. The technical differences between creating and sustaining a 'State approved' program vs. a 'non-approved program' were detailed, noting that an approved program becomes fully reimbursable following two initial years of approved applications for academic and visual and performing VPA) programming, and verified program implementation by fully certified personnel. Although RSU 13 did submit approved applications in December of 2012 for both academic and VPA services, the personnel and resources to fully implement these plans did not materialize, and both applications received program waivers for FY 14. A formal waiver will also be requested for FY 15 to allow for sufficient program planning and budget advocacy to occur. Details of the current status of GT programming within the district were shared and committee members present endorsed the following:

- *Withdrawal and replacement of the current Policy IHBB. This policy is found to be out of date and inaccurately reflective of current practice - nor supportive of future programming priorities. Committee members were supportive of existing policy language indicating that GT personnel play a role in providing school-wide enrichment activities, and would request that any replacement policy continue with that expectation.*
- *A request that the administrative team bring forward a two year phase in plan for creating and sustaining an approved GT program that will serve students K-12. The committee requests that the development proposal be inclusive of:*
 - *Both academic and VPA programming*
 - *Realistic program cost estimates for personnel, supplies, and support services*
 - *An expectation that designated GT program personnel assume responsibility for direct program management and supervisory functions*

The committee further requested that this proposal be shared with the full RSU 13 School Board in advance of budget planning for FY 16.

III. Updates on K-7 World Language:

Neal Guyer informed committee members that RSU 13 has been notified that the foreign language teaching assistants (FLTAs) hoped for will not be available for FY 15. Given this final confirmation, the district will now proceed with recruiting a second elementary world language teacher for the 2014-2015 school year.

IV. Other/Adjourn:

The Committee confirmed that the next scheduled Curriculum Committee meeting will take place on October 23, 2014.

This meeting was adjourned by the Curriculum Committee Chair, S. Carleton at 6:50 PM.