

EISA Subcommittee Agenda 5/19/21, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Draft of 3/31/21 minutes

In attendance: Chair Tammy Mahoney, School Board Subcommittee members Jamie Fitzpatrick and Dawn Dutton, Superintendent Tom Ambrose, Director of Teaching and Learning Patty Haynes, K-6 Math Coordinator Donna Donnell. Called to order by Mahoney at 4:30 pm. Minutes of the 3/24/21 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Ms. Mahoney opened the meeting by reading “A Checklist to Ensure Meetings Are Compliant with The Right-To-Know Law during the State of Emergency.”

The committee resumed our deliberation of the proposed math curriculum, “EnVision Math 2020 - Common Core”. Dr. Haynes and Ms. Donnell were able to reach several districts to gather information about their experiences, and reported positive reviews. One district in particular reported being very pleased with the level of rigor and growth in math scores, and engagement of the students and parents. They stressed the importance of thorough training as integral to a successful implementation. Dr. Haynes also reported recently learning that Timberlane, Hampstead, and Derry are using EnVision Math, either the 2020 version or the prior release.

Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Dutton reported that they were favorably impressed with the materials, and found the grade level work to be advanced, in comparison with our current curriculum. Mr. Fitzpatrick is comfortable that the program will prepare students for 8th grade algebra. Ms. Dutton noted that the multi-sensory options will fit well with the intervention program, and also appreciated that the depth of the teaching materials would help to promote easier adoption by outside substitute teachers. Ms. Mahoney commented that she met at length with Dr. Haynes and Ms. Donnell to gain a comfort level with the selection and pilot processes, and is happy that this program will offer more flexibility in enabling students to learn math than the current program. Mr. Fitzpatrick moved that the committee recommend to the board that the district replace Everyday Math in K-6 with EnVision Math 2020, as presented and reviewed between the committee and the administration. Seconded by Ms. Dutton and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee members extended their appreciation to all administration and staff for their hard work and diligence, especially under the difficult circumstances of this year.

Meeting was adjourned by Mahoney at 5:10pm.

Call to order

Approve 3/31/21 minutes

1. Selection of Chair
2. HS Diploma/Schedule committee report

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Adjourn