

THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tourtellotte Memorial High School Media Center

Monday, February 22, 2016

Policy Sub-Committee Meeting

Special Meeting MINUTES

6:00pm

Members Present:

Linda Jarmolowicz
Jody Houghton
Shawn Brissette
William Witkowski

Members Absent:

None.

Also in attendance:

Joseph Lindley, Megan Baker, Ian Polun, Thomas Angelo, Michael Jolin, Kathleen Herbert, Donna Godzik, Debra Spinelli

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Shawn Brissette.

II. Discussion

A. Weighted Grade Policy

Jody Houghton began the meeting by thanking the high school administration for preparing the weighted grade changes and updates which include:

For the 2017-2018 Program of Studies and beyond:

Modern Music Ensemble—Academic Level for grades 9-11

Modern Music Ensemble—Honors Level for grade 12

Advanced Concert Band—Academic Level for grades 9-11

Advanced Concert Band—Honors Level for grade 12

Advanced Concert Choir—Academic Level for grades 9-11

Advanced Concert Choir—Honors Level for grade 12

Honors Level Band/Chorus—In the submitted version of the 2016-2016 Program of Studies, Concert Choir was mistakenly identified as an Honors level course. The high school administration thanks the Board for pointing out the error. It has subsequently been corrected to an Academic level course in the 2016-2017 Program of Studies.

Definition of Honors—The high school administration is interested in working together with the board to develop a definition of what constitutes an Honors level course.

Distribution of Grades—The Board expressed concern about the distribution of grades in particular courses.

Calculation Valedictorian and Salutatorian—After speaking with members of The Eastern Connecticut Principal's Roundtable, the administration at Tourtellotte Memorial High School and Music Department propose the following solution: When calculating weighted GPA's to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian only core courses that are required as graduation requirements would be included.

The Policy Sub-Committee will meet again in April.

III. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm by Linda Jarmolowicz, seconded by Jody Houghton.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle M. Pederson
Recording Secretary to the Board