## Curriculum & Instruction/Special Services Meeting Minutes Central Office Conference Room

## December 12, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.

Attending Board Members: Lori Ammirati & Eileen Briamonte (co-chairs), Jamie Collins, Peter Reddy Administrators: Robert McGarry, Dineen Seeley, Meryl Gill, Alicia Killean, Chantal Simonelli

## **Superintendent's Recommendations for Approval**

- 1. Approval of Policy for First Reading
  - a. Policy 5561, policy changes mandated by NJDOE
- 2. Approval of Out-of-District Travel, District Personnel
  - a. professional development
- 3. Approval of Student Trips
- 4. Approval of Adoption New Courses//Pilot Programs/Curricula Documents
  - a. Middle School Theater Elective
    - i. New course in theater aimed at students with interest in this performing arts discipline. The NJ Career Ready Practices Standards will be blended into the curriculum. This course will be designed for one marking period.
  - b. Middle School Dance Elective
    - i. New course in dance aimed at students with interest in this performing arts discipline. This course will be designed for one marking period.
  - c. Amistad and Holocaust Education Curriculum Crosswalk Document
    - i. Ensure that African-American history, experiences and contributions are taught across K-12.
    - ii. Promote Holocaust and Genocide awareness and education across K-12.
  - d. StudySync Reading Program for Transitional English Classes Gr 7-12
    - Study Sync is the primary resource for the 6th grade literacy program. It uses a thematic-based approach to teach literacy therefore it will be a great resource for our TE classes.
  - e. Discovery Education Pilot Social Studies Techbook Gr 6-8
    - i. Discovery Education Techbook is already being used successfully as the primary resource to support our 5th grade social studies program, and as a supplemental resource in our 7th and 8th grade science programs. The resource offers standard-based instruction.
- 5. Approval of Adoption Textbook/Ebook/Supplemental Materials
  - a. Humanities Database
    - i. American history database for use by students and staff of all American History courses as well as English classes
  - b. Approval of Adoption World Language Supplemental Texts

- i. 3 pilot to be used to enhance our Spanish World Language classes. The books and online resources will be as resources to help support the curriculum. They available for school and home use.
- c. Rutgers Course
  - i. This resource will be used in the Dynamics of Healthcare and Medical Terminology courses.
- 7. Approval of Student Teachers/Clinical Practice/Observations/Field Experience
  - a. Shannon Beachem for elementary education observation at Village School from December 20, 2018 through January 30, 2019. Cooperating teacher will be Deidra Varga.
  - b. Alessandra Napoleon for student teaching in music education at Holmdel High School from March 11, 2019 through May 3, 2019. Cooperating teacher will be John Koryat.
- 8. Approval of Nursing Plan
  - a. 2018/2019 Nursing Plan, as on file in the Office of the Superintendent
- 9. Approval of Home Instruction
  - a. home/bedside instruction services
- 10. Approval of Tuition Contract
  - a. Contract between Atlantic Highlands Board of Education and the Holmdel Township Board of Education

## **Items to Discuss**

- 1. Old Business
  - a. Homework-The committee has requested information regarding time frames for homework assignments.
- 2. New Business
  - a. Program of Studies Information review for 2019-2020 school year.
- 3. For the good of the order:
  - a. Boardmember Sockol recently inquired about cell-phone free zones within the schools, and this will be discussed in conjunction with the code of conduct conversation that will occur in C&I in a few months.

Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2019 @ 3:15 PM BOE Conference Room