

ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

The January 21, 2026 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Ms. Brocuglio at 5:02 PM.

Present: Rosalee Brocuglio, Dean Gousse, Roberta Kiner and Amanda Pickett

Absent: None

Also present: Janet Cushman, Steven Moccio, John Dague and Michelle Middleton

Audience: Cheryl Gustafson

EHS Culinary Course Revisions

Mr. Dague explained to the committee that we would like to revise the culinary pathway at the high school. This would entail replacing three current courses 1) Foundational Culinary Arts, 2) Transitional Culinary Arts, and 3) Advanced Culinary Arts with three new and enhanced courses. The new courses would be 1) Introduction to Culinary Arts, 2) Introduction to Commercial Cooking and Baking, and 3) Professional Food Service and Catering. One of the reasons for this proposed change is to update and align the curriculum with the ProStart curriculum. This would allow for the opportunity for our students to earn recognized industry credentials in the last two courses. In Introduction to Commercial Cooking and Baking, students would be able to complete their Serv Safe Food Handler Certification. In Professional Food Service and Catering, students would be able to complete the Serv Safe Manager Certification and ProStart Levels 1 and 2 Certificates of Achievement. Because of the possibility of completing three industry recognized credentials in the Professional Food Service and Catering course and the rigor in the course to prepare students for these credentials, the weight of this course will be upgraded to an honors level.

The changes in these courses—curriculum writing, new texts, and the exams for the industry recognized credentials—will be funded through the Perkins Grant. This grant allows for funding because this is a pathway which contains two or more courses. This is a good opportunity for us to bring these changes to these courses now because there are changes being made to the pathways. Mr. Dague explained the committee will be seeing more about pathways as Connecticut is adopting new federal pathways that will be released in March. The new pathways promote aligning courses to increase the attainment of industry recognized credentials. The committee told Mr. Dague they appreciate the thoughtful use of grant funding to enhance our course offerings.

Ms. Brocuglio made a motion to approve these three courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gousse. Committee members unanimously approved these courses.

March Meeting Date Change

Ms. Middleton asked if the committee would consider changing the March 19th meeting to a different date due to a scheduling conflict. She proposed Wednesday, March 18th as an

alternative. All committee members agreed to move the March Curriculum meeting to March 18th at 5:00 in room 213 at Alcorn.

Items from the Table

- a. Ms. Middleton informed the committee that a presentation on the Talented and Gifted program at JFK has been placed on the agenda for February's meeting.
- b. Ms. Brocuglio asked the committee if they would consider rescheduling the February 19th committee meeting due to a conflict. The committee agreed to move the meeting date to Wednesday, February 25th at 5:00 in room 213 at Alcorn.
- c. Mr. Gousse asked for an update on eduPlanet21 and eduCLIMBER. Ms. Middleton is in discussions with eduPlanet21 regarding their curriculum management platform. Progress has been made syncing the attendance data between PowerSchool and eduCLIMBER.
- d. The committee asked for a copy of Mr. Dague's presentation. Ms. Middleton will send it.
- e. A question was asked about industry experts as Board guests. Ms. Middleton suggested a pathways presentation once they have been revised according to the soon to be newly adopted pathways.

Ms. Brocuglio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gousse. All members were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction