



**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES/MOTIONS**

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NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION	Board of Education Curriculum Committee
DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED	February 24, 2010
LOCATION	Training/Conference Room
DATE OF MEETING	February 25, 2010
TIME MEETING STARTED	6:10 p.m.
PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES	Jo-Anne Booth, Recording Secretary
VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
AUDIO, VIDEO OR LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING

1.Edward (Alex) Silva, Chairman (Entered at 6:30 p.m.)	2. Frank Morse (Left at 6:30 p.m.) (Entered at 6:50 p.m.) (Left at 7:37 p.m.)
3.Also present was: Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Villar	4. Assistant Superintendent Marian Hourigan
5. Dilip Desai (Bd. of Ed.)	6. Maria Mennella (Bd. of Ed.)
7. Mrs. Pentland (Resident of RH)	8.

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM 2 QUORUM PRESENT Yes No
(There wasn't a quorum at the beginning of the meeting and at certain times throughout it.)

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES

1st MOTION Passed Failed Tabled

No motions were made at this meeting. Rene (Skip) Rivard was absent.

LINK TO WORKING NOTES (will be attached if available)

ACTION

CORRECTION(S) (will be attached if available)

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:43 p.m. .

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Town of Rocky Hill
Board of Education
Curriculum Committee Meeting Working Notes
February 25, 2010

A Curriculum Committee meeting of the Rocky Hill Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 in the training /conference room. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Present were: Chairman Edward (Alex) Silva (Entered at 6:30 p.m.) and Frank Morse (Left at 6:30 p.m.) (Returned at 6:50 p.m.) (Left at 7:37 p.m.). Also present were Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Villar, Assistant Superintendent Marian Hourigan, Dilip Desai (Bd. of Ed.), Maria Mennella (Bd. of Ed.) and Mrs. Pentland (Resident of RH).

Those absent: Rene (Skip) Rivard and William MacDonald (Ex-Officio Member)
(Chairman of Bd. of Ed.)

1. Review Technology Education Offerings in the Rocky Hill High Program of Studies

Superintendent Dr. Villar said a lot needs to be done with the high school curriculum. Given what is coming out of the Facilities Committee, the educational specification is going to be written with regards to the potential renovate as new high school. A document will be written in the next week or two which will begin to describe what the high school needs to look like based on the high school program. There are areas that are unclear as to what the future is going to hold so this presents an issue for them. Technology Education is one of these areas. They need to know what they are going to do with significant real estate in the high school because the first level of that building is devoted to Tech Ed. Quite a few different programs are currently being taught within Tech Ed. He had asked Assistant Superintendent Hourigan to prepare a review of what the results are on the state tests that were taken in these areas. Superintendent Dr. Villar also asked Assistant Superintendent Hourigan to discuss what is offered currently in the Program of Studies as well as recommendations that he and she share which previous consultants have made as far as changes to the program.

Several documents were passed out to everyone. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan referred to the first document which was titled "Connecticut Career In Tech Ed". Students have to take a particular test at the end of the year if the district is receiving federal funding from Perkins, which is a grant. She was very surprised to see the results from the 2008 administration of this test because they weren't good. Rocky Hill placed 108th out of 115. She explained which students were supposed to be tested. They went back to the Tech Ed Department and took a look at what was being done after they had looked at these results. They realized that perhaps they weren't as aligned with the state curriculum as they should be and they realized that some of the students who took the test probably shouldn't have. This could have affected some of the results. They also explained to the students the importance of taking this test. There is a meeting coming up in March and they should be receiving a spreadsheet. They did improve in areas so she

thinks their standings should have gotten a little better but they still have to do a whole lot of improvement.

Assistant Superintendent Hourigan referred to the second document which showed the Tech Ed curriculum and what is expected. This stated what the competencies and standards are. With regards to the results for Automotive Technology, they were looking for 30% of the concentrators (children) assessed to achieve 65% proficiency. Rocky Hill had only one child out of fifteen that hit this in 2008. Superintendent Dr. Villar said what this translates into is that what the state feels is important to assess and what the professional staff feels is important to teach are not aligned. He suggested this is an area that they will want to align. There is a potential to renovate the whole facility as they are moving into a referendum. Equipment can be replaced with modern equipment and safety standards can be looked at too. This is the time to rewrite the curriculum.

Assistant Superintendent Hourigan referred to the Computer Aided Drafting and Design. They were looking for 35% percent of the concentrators who were assessed to achieve 65% proficiency. Rocky Hill had one child out of seven who achieved this. Four children were in the sixties so they were close. Mr. Morse said it would be thought that the curriculum has got to match the state curriculum for this if they have the latest software. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said some students could have been tested for this who shouldn't have been tested because she didn't think they understood what concentrator meant.

Mr. Morse asked if the pre-engineering technology was included. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said it wasn't. Mrs. Pentland said her daughter is in the engineering program. Superintendent Dr. Villar asked if anyone actually took that test. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan told Superintendent Dr. Villar that she would look and get back to him on this.

Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said six students participated in 2008 with the average score being a 52 and the highest individual score being a 64. The test wasn't administered in 2009. Superintendent Dr. Villar said the Project Lead the Way issue would have to be addressed from a resource perspective as well as a scheduling perspective and a curriculum perspective. This is a good program but it is under-enrolled and there are debates on both sides. This costs a lot of money. They are going to have to determine if they will stick with this because they will have to have rooms designed for it and it will have to be built into the ed spec if they are. They will have to have an exit plan if they aren't sticking with it because there are children in it.

Superintendent Dr. Villar said all of these things are long range issues because at best, the school construction would start in the fall of 2011. From this date, they are probably one year or two years out before they will be in the new facilities. They will have time to do a good job of curriculum writing.

Assistant Superintendent Hourigan referred to the next document everyone had. She referred to Page 24 and Page 25 which shows who the instructors are in Tech Ed, what

they are teaching and there is information about the number of students who are enrolled as well as the total number that is allowed in these classes. She went over some of the information that was listed. She mentioned that the Introduction to Engineering Design class is probably the most popular. There are a lot of freshmen in this class and Mr. Brown, who is the instructor, goes to the middle school to talk to the eighth graders and their parents. They want students to take a whole sequence of courses but that doesn't always happen. Mrs. Pentland understood that it is very difficult for the students to get the second class in their sophomore year schedule wise. There have been some changes for next year with regards to how the curriculum for the fourth year classes is described in the booklet. Students will be allowed to go in without all of the prerequisites. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said the enrollment is trying to be increased and letters were sent out by Mr. Brown to students, who had taken some of the Project Lead the Way before, telling them to come back. Mrs. Pentland said originally only two students were going to finish this. Superintendent Dr. Villar said they have never had a student finish this program. Scheduling is a huge nemesis and he explained why.

Superintendent Dr. Villar referred to spreadsheets that everyone had. These were part of an analysis he conducted of the high school schedule. This was based on data that was collected in the fall. He explained how he did this. The front page of these spreadsheets was an analysis he tried to conduct to look at the economics of courses. He gave more details about this (i.e. the average per pupil cost in business is \$500 per student and in technology it is \$1,300). With regards to Project Lead the Way, he hears criticism with regards to children getting into the course and if they are getting the credit that is associated with the level of school because this is a rigorous program but it isn't given that respect. He said they can have the Board of Education look at if they want to give a certain level of credit for this as far as grade point average. He doesn't know though if they can get away from the fact that this is taught in shop.

Assistant Superintendent Hourigan had everyone look at Page 25 of this document. Superintendent Dr. Villar referred to Computer Tech. This is a fully enrolled course but there is a cap of twelve students on this course. He is proposing that they look at an investment in the technology that is necessary to teach this course to more students. He said this should be looked at as soon as possible and he has already had this conversation with Mr. Fred Ames (Technology Coordinator) about this. This would take some pressure off other electives they have in the school with regards to scheduling. Mr. Morse asked if Computer Tech has consistently been full sessions. Superintendent Dr. Villar said people like this and it is full.

Superintendent Dr. Villar referred to Graphic Arts which is under-enrolled. The room for this is almost the size of three classrooms.

At this point, Chairman Silva entered the meeting so Superintendent Dr. Villar explained what was discussed so far at this evening's meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Villar referred back to the Advanced Graphics which has one academic class a day and he said this room is used for study halls the rest of the day.

This room goes unused other than having a graphics course in it. He is proposing based on recommendations from a consultant and also on his personal experience that graphics be eliminated from their Program of Studies. He is proposing they move to a video production class. This will be two to three years out depending on how long it takes to renovate the building. There could be a computer editing lab on one side of the room and a television studio on the other side. The middle school already has this program. He gave more details about what could be done by the students with something like this. He projects that this class would be fully enrolled and that there would be a waiting list. They could offer one or five sections depending on where they go with Project Lead the Way. He thinks a video editing class is a great direction to go. There is a potential for a great partnership because Channel 3 is in this town. This is a recommendation he has as he is looking at this department. He has met with the Department Chairperson and the high school principal. He thinks this would be in the best interest of the students. Chairman Silva asked who the Chairperson of this Department is. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said Mr. Greg Gomes is and he is also the Business Ed teacher. Superintendent Dr. Villar said Mr. Gomes is the Chairperson of Family Consumer Science, Business and Tech Ed. Chairman Silva asked if Mr. Brown would have to get a new certification to teach. Superintendent Dr. Villar said no and he explained what is needed in order to teach computers or anything with computers. He mentioned that some serious professional development will have to be provided to whoever teaches the video production class. This is critical because this will have to be considered when the ed spec is written during the next three weeks.

Chairman Silva referred to that room and he asked if it has been cut in half conceptually. Superintendent Dr. Villar said it is wide open right now. They will need to be more specific with regards to what this renovation is. He is going to meet with the high school principal, Department Chairpeople and the Architect over the next few weeks with regards to the major areas like Tech Ed and science as well as music maybe. There is a building side of this and there is this Committee's side as to what is going to be taught in the space. What is going to be taught should drive how this is built. He explained more and said this is the perfect opportunity for them with regards to the video production class because if they don't do this now then they will be talking about \$50,000 worth of equipment and he questioned where they would get the money for this. Other areas there will be impacted such as the Automotive Tech area and they have to think about how that is going to look. He is not proposing the elimination of this like other districts have done but he thinks they need to look a little closer at the state standards to make sure they are aligned with them. He thinks they need to work on this as a group so that they get good equipment in there when they write the ed spec that meets the need. He gave an example of a paint booth that is down there and how there is no way that a car would be rolled into this now and painted because of air standards, etc.

Chairman Silva said he was talking with Mr. MacDonald about how there is a whole generation of mechanics who haven't been trained yet with regards to the electric car. Chairman Silva thinks it would be more attractive to maintain the space in the Tech Ed program if it is looked at as to what is being taught. Superintendent Dr. Villar thinks they absolutely need to look into the future but he thinks they have to rethink their mission in

that classroom. A lot of people think their mission after taking the classes is that they are going to become mechanics but in reality, they aren't. Students need to go to some technical college after. This program could be better aligned with those programs but this should be more in the mode of a feeder program to advance education after high school for auto mechanics. Mrs. Pentland asked if the Tech Ed area in the high school has computer technology that would be seen in a shop. Superintendent Dr. Villar said they do have some equipment. The teacher for this asks for equipment every year. Superintendent Dr. Villar thinks they will have to reevaluate some of this equipment. As they are writing their ed spec, they should find out what equipment they should have. He thinks they need more discussion about this. They need to look at tech programs and Jr. Colleges, etc. and he explained more. Superintendent Dr. Villar mentioned that he is willing to make whatever staffing changes are necessary to make any program successful.

Chairman Silva asked how much square footage they have in the basement. Superintendent Dr. Villar said there is a lot. Mrs. Pentland said there are a lot of things down there that aren't being used anymore and they could use this space for classrooms. Superintendent Dr. Villar said the rooms are set up very inefficiently now and they don't work to what is being taught. Space can be made to work for programs if the programs are described as to what they look like. He gave an example.

Chairman Silva asked if Mr. Siciliano teaches a drafting class. Superintendent Dr. Villar said he teaches Materials Processing. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan explained more about that class.

Superintendent Dr. Villar said they have been having discussions about vision and they have to get to where the vision is carrying them. He thinks it is really important that they start to establish this as they are writing this ed spec.

Superintendent Dr. Villar went over his recommendation again with regards to moving away from Advanced Graphics to video. How many sections for this that will be lead into will be determined when it is decided what to do with Project Lead the Way. He thinks they should leave Power Tech and rewrite it as well as Materials Processing by making a stronger connection to Computer Assisted Drafting. The Architects can figure out the best way to situate the lab space. They might have to look at bumping the number of students up for Computer Tech. Chairman Silva asked if they only have twelve computers for this course. Superintendent Dr. Villar said there are twelve workstations now. He spoke to Mr. Ames and he said they can clearly add some. Chairman Silva asked if this is in Mr. Ames' Technology Improvement Plan that he gave them. Superintendent Dr. Villar didn't think this was in the plan but they have the capacity to have the room take more. He suggested that they write this ed spec for twenty children. Chairman Silva confirmed that the Computer Tech classes are full and Superintendent Dr. Villar said there is a lot of interest in this. Superintendent Dr. Villar said this isn't aligned with any standards he has seen but he thinks they can align it. This is another program that can feed into things if they can work to make some connections with the community colleges, etc. Chairman Silva said students can get an A+ Certification out of this course and he asked what this is. Mr. Desai explained what this is. Superintendent

Dr. Villar said there are different certifications for the computer industry. Chairman Silva asked if this is a certification to have and they said they would think so. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said getting the connections to the local universities is one of the things they want to do with these Tech Ed courses. Superintendent Dr. Villar said these courses should be exploratory for the children. He is a strong advocate with regards to everyone needing an education post high school but he doesn't think that everyone needs the same education.

Mrs. Pentland said the final class for engineering is not being shown. Superintendent Dr. Villar said this is currently not being run this year. For next year in order to allow that class to run, something else won't be run. This is one of the critical issues with this program.

Mrs. Pentland asked if there has been a decrease in the number of students who take Project Lead the Way. Superintendent Dr. Villar thinks there has been a consistent level of between eight and fourteen students who take this.

Mr. Morse had left this meeting for awhile and just reentered the room at this point. Superintendent Dr. Villar brought him up to speed with regards to what had been discussed while he was gone.

Superintendent Dr. Villar asked Assistant Superintendent Hourigan if she had information with regards to Project Lead the Way. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan told everyone they had information in their packets with regards to this. The premise behind this is wonderful. The problem is they don't get the students who they would like to see participating in this. Mr. Morse asked Assistant Superintendent Hourigan if she had the numbers with regards to how many freshmen are in this, this year. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said she didn't have this information in front of her and that she just had the total numbers. Mrs. Pentland thinks there are twelve students. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said seven sophomores are in their second year of this. Four juniors are taking their second year of this and they are eligible to take a third year. Two juniors are taking their third year and they are eligible to take a final one. Five seniors have taken two classes this year. Superintendent Dr. Villar suggested a two or three year timeline if the Board of Education considers eliminating this program. There are two students who are almost done with this program. They might want to program for the students who are in this but not take any new students. If they decide to eliminate this, he suggested they add more sections of video and maybe Computer Tech. They can fill sections for staff members for these courses.

Mr. Morse said Project Lead the Way has been described to him as a national program and he asked if there are sections of this that students can get on distance learning. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said she didn't know how this would be done because this is a "hands-on" project based on working with a team. Superintendent Dr. Villar said they would have to look to see what is offered in engineering. He had a thought that they should look at the engineering standards to see if there is a way for these to be fit in

as a course so that students will be given a career track for engineering if they like this. He said Project Lead the Way can be replaced with a homegrown engineering course. Mr. Morse suggested maybe an architectural course as well.

Mrs. Pentland asked if Project Lead the Way is paid for because she thought this was through a grant. Superintendent Dr. Villar said no and he said they pay. A significant amount of hardware has to be upgraded biannually, if not annually, and there is a \$5,000 licensing fee per year. A teacher has to be trained on a frequent basis.

Mr. Silva asked Superintendent Dr. Villar what his recommendation would be with regards to Project Lead the Way. Superintendent Dr. Villar thinks this program has merit but with regards to it being fully enrolled, it hasn't sold itself. He explained some more and said he would rather use some higher interest courses, etc. and say "good-bye" to Project Lead the Way. Mr. Silva said it doesn't sound like the cost for this is greater than the benefit to the system. Superintendent Dr. Villar said in five or six years, no student has finished this course. Mrs. Pentland explained that her daughter isn't going to finish this either and she explained why. Mr. Silva asked about the other student who might finish this and Mrs. Pentland said that student is going to continue.

Mr. Morse asked if there are other schools in Rocky Hill's DRG that offer Project Lead the Way. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said some research would have to be done. Superintendent Dr. Villar told Mr. Morse that he thought he knew where he was going in thought with this and that would be to tell the students where Project Lead the Way if offered if they are really interested in it. Superintendent Dr. Villar said this has to be done as things are getting tighter and tighter in school districts economically. The good news is that there are a lot of free choices for families and children, such as GHAMAS. He mentioned to everyone that he wasn't pushing for them to make a recommendation this evening with regards to Project Lead the Way. They can look into numbers. He told them that he thinks they need to schedule meetings frequently so that they can come to conclusions on these things along with them working on the construction project because these two things have to go together. Other areas such as music need to be looked into and a brief discussion followed with regards to that. Superintendent Dr. Villar said he has asked Assistant Superintendent Hourigan to put together for him what the music program looks like districtwide. Superintendent Dr. Villar said it is somewhat staff driven when they look at what programs they would want to offer at the high school. He explained more.

Superintendent Dr. Villar told everyone as they are going through the Program of Studies in future meetings that prerequisites are one of the things they have to look at. He understands that certain courses need these but he has a hard time with some of them. In the Program of Studies, he counted seventy of these. He went over some of the prerequisites. His educational philosophy is to push children and allow them to take on whatever challenge they are willing to take on. The children should be supported in the challenges. Mr. Morse said this shouldn't be restricted by prerequisites and that this is a family decision as well as a growth experience. Superintendent Dr. Villar shared his professional experience with regards to this. He mentioned that Principal Almeida can

overrule the prerequisites. Superintendent Dr. Villar suggested that they need to go through everything to figure out why they have the prerequisites. They can go through these department by department to make them much more reasonable or to eliminate them. Another thing that bothers him is that a level of instruction may be upgraded for a student if the instructor feels the time, talent and leadership of the student merits of this increase. He believes that over the years, the Program of Studies has never gone to the Board of Education for approval so this is why this has happened. The high school is creating its own rules. The Program of Studies is a Board of Education approved document in other districts that he has worked in. Any changes to the Program of Studies must be brought to the Board of Education through administration for an ultimate approval. He believes that this needs to be done here as a district along with the graduation requirements. He said this isn't because the educators aren't wonderful and great ones because Rocky Hill has tons of them. Mr. Morse said this would be policy and Superintendent Dr. Villar said he thinks this would be an easy change to their policy. Superintendent Dr. Villar said this year's Program of Studies has already gone to print but there is a page in it that states it might be changed based on budgetary and policy decisions made by the Board of Education. He will recommend reasonable prerequisites when they are necessary.

Superintendent Dr. Villar said they are going to have to look at their levels in general after they finish the ed spec for the high school. They have to look at how many levels they want to have as a district. The State Board of Education just had a policy decision recently where they are recommending that tracking be eliminated at the high school level. Rocky Hill really runs four levels and Glastonbury runs two. Mr. Morse confirmed what the levels are. Chairman Silva asked if the State Board of Education is recommending that tracking be eliminated entirely. Superintendent Dr. Villar said that is correct. He explained what most districts interpret this as. Chairman Silva asked if the idea of this is that this will foster across the board gains if they integrate. Superintendent Dr. Villar said that is correct and he explained what tends to happen in districts. Rocky Hill is working on its data systems. They will eventually be able to track schedules and they will be able to look at courses taken, etc. They will be able to look to see if the curriculum is successful or not once this is all lined up and they better change the curriculum if it isn't. Chairman Silva said he is a firm believer that children will rise to the challenge.

Chairman Silva asked how much they aren't going to be able to change. Superintendent Dr. Villar said there are two types of curriculum: (1.) Written (curriculum maps that were developed before Superintendent Dr. Villar and Assistant Superintendent Hourigan started in this district); and (2.) Unwritten (unofficial curriculum that teachers teach in their classroom everyday). There wasn't a reading curriculum in the elementary schools in this district prior to this year. In the high school, a lot of the courses are driven by textbooks. Superintendent Dr. Villar mentioned about a model of accountability being put into place and he explained more about this. He also mentioned when curriculum is written that their best bet is to have a panel of people that includes newer people as well as very experienced ones because the best of both are combined. They will get good results when they put these people together and give them the curriculum model to

follow. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said one of the nicest things about the curriculum writing process is teachers sitting down together and talking about what is important to be teaching to the children. Superintendent Dr. Villar said he has been trying to force agreement (i.e. he doesn't want two different American History courses). This is not a good system and it isn't good curriculum. This doesn't help the children progress. Similarities in exams also drive some of the curriculum.

Mrs. Pentland referred to Project Lead the Way and she said it was too bad that some of the courses couldn't be offered on a rotating basis. Superintendent Dr. Villar said the design is great and the curriculum is excellent but the question is the issue of how this is executed in a tiny high school particularly with one teacher who can teach it. Mrs. Pentland agreed.

Chairman Silva asked about introductory to law classes at the high school level. Superintendent Dr. Villar said these would probably fall under social studies and they are capable of doing this. A problem would be that another scheduling singleton would be created though. He would look for an online experience. Chairman Silva asked if there is one. Superintendent Dr. Villar and Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said they would have to look to Virtual High School to see. Chairman Silva thinks that law classes would increase children's writing skills tenfold.

Mrs. Pentland thinks guidance has to promote Virtual High School more. She explained more. Superintendent Dr. Villar said the enrollment for this has increased this semester and he gave more details. A discussion took place.

Chairman Silva referred back to technology and he said basically this will be completely driven by what is done with the basement. He asked what would be done with the dark room because it doesn't fall under technology. Superintendent Dr. Villar gave his position with regards to this. He said this will come down to some difficult decisions perhaps. A discussion took place. Superintendent Dr. Villar said the education specification that will be written of the building is supposed to drive the program.

Chairman Silva asked what they need to do from this point. Superintendent Dr. Villar said he wanted to get direction and he mentioned the video production. He also said they can keep working on Project Lead the Way but he is recommending they take a different direction from this probably. He is going to be meeting with Principal Almeida and Mr. Mike Sorano (Friar Associates) next week and they are going to start talking about each of these different areas with the high school staff. Superintendent Dr. Villar said they can start to get a handle on technology first to see what that design might look like so that the ed spec can be written which can be brought to the Curriculum Committee and the full Board of Education for approval. He said this evening's meeting was more of a direction and they can get the data on Project Lead the Way in surrounding towns. Chairman Silva asked how many students there are in this program. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said there are approximately forty-two students. Mr. Morse said he attended the Project Lead the Way meeting this week and there were approximately forty children there. Mr.

Morse said the instructor for this did a great job. A discussion took place as to who is involved in the program and the promotion for this.

Chairman Silva asked Mr. Morse what he thinks about the video production class. Mr. Morse said he is all for this and he explained more. Chairman Silva asked about the removing of tracking levels. Superintendent Dr. Villar said the decision on that doesn't need to be made right now as the renovation is being done. Pro and con research will have to be gathered as to who is doing this and why they are. He thinks this is something they will want to tackle but he is putting this on a "back burner".

Mrs. Pentland asked if this will have any impact on the NEASC evaluation. Superintendent Dr. Villar said this might if there is a referendum that passes in the spring. He explained more. He also mentioned that the curriculum changes will be on the horizon so the staff won't be able to talk much about that.

Superintendent Dr. Villar asked everyone if they wanted to set another date for another Curriculum Committee meeting. They decided on scheduling one for March 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Silva referred to the video production class and he thinks that direction is good. Mrs. Pentland said Channel 3 is in town. Chairman Silva said they need community involvement because they are sorely lacking in this. There are Fortune 500 companies in this town that don't step foot inside Rocky Hill High School.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Booth

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____