

**Gaston County Schools  
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee  
Minutes for Regular Meeting on May 3, 2021**

**Members Present:**

**Dot Guthrie, Robbie Lovelace, Steve Hall, Justin Davis, Dot Cherry, Jeff Ramsey**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded with unanimous approval to adopt minutes as presented for the meeting on April 12, 2021 with no corrections.

A motion was made and seconded to add two items to the agenda.

Principal Glenn Cook shared highlights about his school, Pleasant Ridge Elementary. Pleasant Ridge Elementary has recently been honored as a National Beta Club School of Merit, a National Beta Club School of Distinction, and a National Paideia School. The school's Beta Club has 57 active members, and currently, 7 teachers have been recognized by the National Paideia Center.

Staff presented information regarding digital athletic forms. Utilizing an online student-athlete registration platform will remove possible ineligibilities, consolidate all forms on one site, and provide a real-time checklist for the coaches and athletes. The platform, DragonFly, will be free to all of our schools and supported by the NC High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA).

The department for middle school instruction shared an overview of how staff will begin the review and selection process to adopt a core Math I curriculum resource. The new adoption will have a two-year implementation plan. Resources will be introduced in Middle School starting in the 2021-2022 school year and expand to High School Math I courses the following year.

Staff gave the committee a K-12 Social Studies update. To implement the new standards a K-12 curriculum team will construct units of study with benchmark dates. All Social Studies content teachers will continue receiving traditional support from Academic Services, review potential resources, and receive professional development on the resources that are selected.

The department for high school instruction shared an update on Career and College Ready Graduates (CCRG). The State requires all high schools to provide CCRG Enhanced English to any rising senior with an unweighted GPA of 2.2 - 2.799. It is recommended to transition all standard English 12 curriculum to CCRG Enhanced English 12. CCRG Enhanced English 12 fulfills the graduation requirement.

Academic Services shared information about the 21st Century Grant and Junior Great Books.

H. H. Beam Elementary will host the 21st Century/A.S.P.I.R.E. summer enrichment camp. Current K-5 students attending H.H. Beam, Lingerfeldt, Pleasant Ridge and Woodhill Elementary schools may register for the camp sessions at no cost to parents. A.S.P.I.R.E. afterschool locations will be at H. H. Beam,

Pleasant Ridge, and Lingerfeldt Elementary schools during the 2021-22 school year. An application has been submitted on behalf of Woodhill Elementary to become the district's fourth 21st Century program.

During the 2021-22 school year, the Academically & Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Department will utilize Junior Great Books resources in grades 6-8 AIG English Language Arts classrooms. This is an opportunity to increase the rigor of our AIG ELA program. Teachers will have the opportunity for professional development and training this summer. This item will be on the consent agenda for the full board on May 17, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021 at the Central Office at 12 noon.

Submitted by: Lolita Williams