

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
November 12, 2020

Regular Meeting
Curriculum/Programs and Personnel

- I. Call to Order The Curriculum/Programs and Personnel meeting held in the Litchfield Intermediate School Auditorium and via teleconference was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Ms. Reardon.

Members present: Ms. Reardon, Chair, Mr. Falcetti, Mr. Malo, and Ms. Stone. Also present: Mr. Leone, Superintendent, Mr. Terzian, BOE Chair, Mr. Shuhi, Mrs. Kennedy, Chief Academic Officer and Mrs. Hodges, Administrative Assistant, District Liaison LPS & RSD6.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of October 8, 2020.

Ms. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of October 8, 2020. Mr. Malo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

III. Communications

None.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. New Business

- a. Prevention Council Survey – Updated

Mr. Leone presented an updated survey that was reviewed with members of the Prevention Council. Edits to the survey include additional questions regarding energy drinks, e-cigarettes, and/or vaping usage. The committee members had no objections to the edits so the revised survey will go before the full Board for approval at the December meeting.

- b. Academic Performance Update

Mrs. Kennedy presented the Academic Performance Update sharing the results of the fall 2020 NWEA standardized testing for students in kindergarten through grade eight, as well as a comparison to the fall 2019 results. Given the disruption caused by COVID, unfinished learning, and implementing emergency remote instruction in the spring, there is a solid start to student performance in the reading assessment. Math performance is lower than typical compared to past results at the start of a school year. The impact on math results is not specific to the district, as most districts across the state and the nation has seen a dip in standardized math test scores. Mrs. Kennedy outlined strategies for improvement and is optimistic with in-person learning that standardized test scores will rebound in the spring.

c. Staff Mental Health Partnership with Greenwoods

Mr. Leone shared that the partnership with Greenwoods Counseling & Referral Services to support district staff will be extended at least until the Thanksgiving holiday. The district will assess extending these services into December if needed.

d. Snow Days 2020-2021

Mr. Leone gave an update on snow days for the 2020-2021 school year. Having worked with the unions, the plan is to have guaranteed snow days for the first two school closures due to snow and winter storms. If/when there is a third snow day and are in Phase I (in-person learning), the district will pilot a remote learning day. The remote learning day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. The schedule for schools is currently being finalized. A community message to families on how the district will handle snow days will be sent in the coming weeks.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Leone will share the final snow day plan at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment There being no further business to come before this committee, **Ms. Stone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**
The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem