

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting
November 22, 2021
MINUTES

Attendance: Mrs. Kari Sassu, Chair

Also in Attendance: Dr. Erin McGurk, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction;
Mrs. Eileen Eustis, BHS Principal; Mary Kathryn Larose (Observer)

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Significant Changes- Berlin High School Program of Studies

Mrs. Eustis presented a brief overview of changes in the BHS Program of Studies for 2022-23. The changes include new courses, suspended courses, and changes in the ways courses are offered (for example, the grade levels which may enroll in a particular course), as well as some changes in procedures. Mrs. Eustis highlighted the following changes:

- Credit extension/enrichment procedures- updated to widen the opportunities for students to take classes outside of BHS
- Advanced Placement Testing- Mrs. Eustis has proposed through the budget process that the district cover the cost of Advanced Placement testing for students who do not qualify for a fee waiver
- New courses- Finance and Investments, Honors Algebra I, African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies, Emergency Medical Services I
- Reinstated course- CCP CAD Computer Aided Drafting- with college credit available from Tunxis Community College
- UCONN ECE Seminar in Academic Writing will be replaced by UCONN ECE Seminar in Writing and Multimodal Composition (change driven by UCONN)
- Honors Calculus will now be AP Calculus AB
- AP UCONN ECE Calculus AB will now be AP UCONN ECE Calculus BC
- Geometry will now be Geometry with Statistics
- Zoology will be offered as a college credit course through the Southern CT State University Early College Program

Mrs. Eustis also shared some preliminary work being done to create college/career pathways. Mrs. Sassu expressed support for the positive changes being made and the ways that the district is seeking to increase opportunities for students to create more personalized high school programs to prepare them for their desired future.

III. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin K. McGurk, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction