



January 22, 2025

TO: Members of the Educational Evaluation
Committee
Town Clerk

**Educational Evaluation
Committee Meeting Tuesday,
January 21, 2025, 5:15 p.m.
Superintendent's Large Conference Room**

Board Members Present: Robert Mitchell, Timothy Shanahan, Donna Funk, Erika Striebel, Lisa Terry, and Board Chair Wills Pike. Also present were Montville High School Principal Robert Alves, Addy Robarge, Katherine Potter, Heather Mathieu, Austin Schmidt, and Superintendent Dr. Dianne Vumback, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Flynn

1. Call to order by Superintendent Dr. Dianne Vumback– 5:15 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Chair – No Changes Made.
4. Discussion of Chemistry- course consideration
 - This is a mid-level course the team suspects that they will use math scores to determine readiness and appropriate placement. The prerequisites will be biology and integrated science. This course will use the same resources as honors chemistry and the projection for class size is approximately 20. The team feels that this would provide students the scaffolding they need for entry level science in college or it will prepare them for higher level work senior year. This could open the doors to AP chemistry should a student show mastery of content.

Motion: To Present this to the full Board at next meeting, January 21, 2025 6:00pm

Proposed by: Robert Mitchell

Seconded by: Tim Shanahan

Vote: **Carried:** (vote 6-0)

5. Discussion of Expressive Portrait – Course Consideration

- This course would offer opportunities for students to explore portraits. The students have expressed an interest in this course and the teacher has seen that students would like to spend more time on portraits in different mediums. This would not replace any art course currently, but in the future could have the potential of replacing Drawing 2. The drawing curriculums have been the same for a long time and modernizing them would offer our students more opportunities in the arts.

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Proposed by: Robert Mitchell

Seconded by: Donna Funk

Vote: **Carried:** (vote 6-0)

6. Discussion of ECE Music Theory 1 & 2 – Course Consideration

- Austin presented data that he collected from students indicating that students would be more interested in taking this music class if it were for ECE credits. This course would be more rigorous than the courses offered at this time. They would not only offer an opportunity to raise GPAs for students, but it will better prepare students for college or careers in music. This class will give them the tools that they will need to participate at higher level.

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Proposed by: Robert Mitchell

Seconded by: Tim Shanahan

Vote: **Carried:** (vote 6-0)

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: 5:47 pm

Proposed by: Robert Mitchell

Seconded by: Tim Shanahan

Vote: **Carried:** (vote 6-0)