## Newtown Board of Education Newtown, CT Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held on January 20, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the BOE Conference Room.

J. Vouros M. Ku J. Evans-Davila J. Gabriel L. Rodrigue T. Einhorn J. Frardi M. Hiscavich

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

J. Vouros made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2017. M. Ku seconded.

Public participation: None

M. Hiscavich and J. Gabriel presented the NHS pilot proposal for Acting II . The focus of this course's work will be on the scripted word, and how the actor interprets and presents the words of others on stage. Currently, only Acting I is offered with no advanced levels. Students have been repeating Acting I without receiving credit because of their desire to learn more. By offering an Acting II course students will be able to build their skills and experience, which will also prepare them for college theater classes and auditions.

T. Einhorn and L. Rodrigue provided an update of the Grade 8/9 Transition. On February 3, students will be able to log into PowerSchool's Parent Portal to view recommendations for ninth grade courses. Eighth grade teachers' recommendations are based on a rubric that is provided by the high school. That same day, Newtown High School Honor students will come to speak with the eighth graders about elective classes that are offered; as well as clubs and activities. Parents are strongly encouraged to view their child's recommendations before attending the February 6 orientation night at the high school for both parents and students. Students can visit booths located in the lobby that will showcase various electives; tours of the building will be provided; and the PE department will have a panel of coaches and team captains to talk about the types of athletics available. On March 6, ninth grade counselors will meet with Middle School students to begin creating their schedules for next year. Each student will have a pre-scheduled appointment and will be encouraged to review the online Program of Studies and select 5 electives they would like to take. NHS Academic Officers work very closely with NMS Counselors to identify students who would benefit from additional support. NMS and NHS staff work very closely together for a smooth transition that ensures all students' needs are met.

NHS Grade 9 STEM was tabled until March 2, 2017

Public participation: None

M. Ku motioned to adjourn. J. Vouros seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Beverly Schaedler** 

These are draft minutes and subject to approval by the C and I Subcommittee