

Newtown Board of Education  
Newtown, Connecticut  
Curriculum and Instruction/SEL Subcommittee

D. Ramsey	J. Vouros	D. Foss	A. Uberti
G. Gilson	A. Deeb	C. Dietter	K. Longobucco

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

- D. Ramsey called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- D. Ramsey moved to approve the minutes from the 1/23/24 meeting.
- C. Gilson seconded the motion.

**Public Participation:** None

**Presentation of Modern U.S. History – D. Foss, A. Deeb**

Below is the slide presentation for Modern U.S. History, followed by some key notes from the presentation.

[Modern US History Presentation Slides](#)

- The presentation starts at the turn of the century through modern day.
- The course is offered to all juniors. They can take it as a College Prep (CP) or at the Honors level.
- In May of 2022 there were two full PD days for teachers. Modern U.S. was actually in development at the time. Selected Units from the history course at the middle school, Reed (Grade 6 Social Studies) and a unit at the high school. The idea was to engage the team of curriculum writers, and those who serve curriculum council in an exercise to go through looking at an equity lens. It was a very informational Professional Development. A. Uberti, D. Foss, A. Deeb, and teachers from all grade levels attended the professional development.

**Presentation of American Government and Politics – C. Dietter, A. Deeb**

Below is the slide presentation for American Government and Politics, followed by some key notes from the presentation.

[American Government and Politics Presentation Slides](#)

- American Government is a required course at the high school. This course is state required. We offer the course to students during their senior year. This course is very beneficial senior year it is the time when the students are looking towards the future, they realize they have a voice and are eligible to vote. This course shows them world opportunities along with community opportunities and that they can get involved.

- This course gives the students the understanding of the government and their role in it.
- This course is only taught senior year. With this course students are being prepared to vote. The topics are sometimes controversial and we find that the seniors can handle it. Students have a deeper understanding of what is going on and how the process works. Students can register to vote when they are 17 years old, as long as they are going to be 18 by the primary election.

**Assistant Superintendent Updates - A. Uberti**

Kindergarten screening at Hawley was delayed because of the snow.

Most of the data is collected.

There will be rolling screening throughout the year, for any kindergartners that move into the district.

**Public Participation:** None

D. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

C. Gilson seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Norling

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

