



**Syracuse City School District**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**December 20, 2006 3:30 p.m.**



**Committee Members Attending:**

Present: Committee Chair Dr. Cynthia Kirby  
Commissioner Kim Rohadfox-Ceaser

Also Present: Commissioner Ned Deuel  
Commissioner Laurie Menkin  
Commissioner Nancy McCarty

Committee Chair Dr. Cynthia Kirby called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**The Committee recommended the following Board action items come before the Board of Education for approval at their meeting on January 10, 2007:**

**New Course Adoptions**

Laura Viera Suarez, Principal of Fowler High School, and Mike Schmidt, Director of High Schools and Career Education gave an overview of proposed courses that will be offered to Fowler students through Syracuse University, LeMoyne College, Onondaga Community College and by Fowler staff. Students have already indicated a strong interest in enrolling in these courses this spring.

**High School Math Curriculum**

The new Math 9-12 curriculum has been revised to meet the new NYSED Standards.

**Discussion Items**

**Smaller Learning Communities Update**

Smaller Learning Community Courses – Syracuse University and the SCSD have worked tirelessly to offer our students an on-campus experience. Syracuse University will sponsor twelve (12) students in various courses for the spring 2007 semester. There are several courses for students to choose from to meet their interest. Thank you to Carol Terry for working over the past two years to develop and support the Partnership for Better Education. This semester will be a pilot so we can work through the process and build in safeguards. The Board of Education members commended Syracuse University, SUNY ESF, O.C.C., LeMoyne College, and District staff in their dedication to bring such an opportunity to our students.

**Math Curriculum Evaluation**

A request has been made to hire a team of consultants to complete an independent evaluation of our mathematics curriculum. Consultants have been identified who have experience in this area and can provide us with data that will assist us with our next math adoption. This request will be forwarded to the Budget and Finance Committee to seek the necessary funding. The evaluation will take approximately 3 months.

**Curriculum Audit Action Plan**

The Curriculum Audit Action Plan was presented to the Board of Education Curriculum Committee in its entirety late summer. The plan was forwarded to the State Education Department and \$7.9 million was requested to implement the plan. The plan will be forwarded to the Budget and Finance Committee as an action item.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheila J. Johnson