

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13  
SCHOOL BOARD  
CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 21, 2016

Committee Members Present	:	L. Andrews, C. Bachofner
Other Board Members Present	:	none
Staff Members Present	:	N. Guyer, B. Johnson, J. Curtis, G. Shove, S. Tribou, E. Cashen, M. Gaudette, J. Corcoran M. Norman
Others Present	:	C. Bachofner guest
Location	:	McLain Building, Rockland

I. Call to order:

*This meeting was called to order by Committee Chair L. Andrews at 3:35 PM.*

II. Curriculum:

***Proficiency Based Diploma Committee:***

*OHS Principal Curtis and faculty members of the OHS Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) Diploma Committee presented their rationale and work plan - extending the timeframe for the full implementation of proficiency based diplomas. This proposal acknowledges that the transition to authentic PBL practice is a complex endeavor and remains a work in progress. This has also been acknowledged with legislative modifications that allow districts more leeway in implementation timelines. The work plan presented by Diploma Committee members anticipates a phase in of proficiency based diplomas beginning in 2021. Committee members noted that with the deepening of the work effort, comes the realization that emerging and unanticipated challenges must be conscientiously and proactively dealt with so that the PBL system as a whole is viewed as having integrity, and is well understood by students, parents, and within the community-at-large.*

*RSU 13 Curriculum & Technology Committee members commended the OHS team for their conscientious efforts and noted that the work plan as presented strengthens the overall effort and moves the district forward in its firm commitment to PBL while upholding the spirit of the law. It was noted that OHS has made great strides and appreciation was expressed for the obvious dedication to the work – and for the student-centered care with which it is being pursued. It was recommended that a condensed reprise of the Diploma Committee's Presentation be schedule for a future full School Board meeting.*

*Neal Guyer and Principal Curtis will draft recommended modifications to Policy IKF Graduation Requirements and pursue consultation with the RSU 13 Policy Committee.*

***Elementary and Secondary Education Act – Federal Grants Profile:***

*Committee members were presented with a profile of the federal grants that are administered by RSU 13. These include Title IA – which funds remedial services for students in grades K-5, Title IIA – which funds professional development services and opportunities for teachers and educational technicians, and Title VI – which partially funds remedial service for mid-level students at Oceanside Middle School. Grant activities for FY 17 were detailed and it was noted that in total these grants represent \$ 861,673 in supplemental funding for RSU 13.*

III. Technology:

*Bruce Johnson, RSU 13 IT Director updated committee members on aspects being considered in anticipation of RSU 13 budget development efforts that will commence shortly. Premier among technology considerations will be a proposal to expand one/one capabilities to grades K-2. It is anticipated that as with past efforts, the cost for expansion would be estimated at approximately thirty thousand dollars per grade level. A robust plan for professional development was also acknowledged as a critical component of any implementation proposal going forward.*

*Committee members expressed their support and will advocate for this proposal in coming budget deliberations.*

IV. Other/Adjourn:

*This meeting was adjourned by Chair Andrews at 4:50 PM.*