

Vice Chair, A. Bonavita, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. in the AJHS library.

Present: R. Doering, L. Galarneau, D. Juzba, K. Mounemineh
Dr. Czajkowski, P. Cavanaugh, W. Sapelli, S. Lemanski, & S. Schoenberger

Invited guests: LPVEC Executive Director, Anne McKenzie, & Career Tech principal/director, Don Jarvis

Absent: R. Cohen, S. Reed

A. Bonavita turned the meeting over to Dr. Czajkowski, who introduced Ms. McKenzie and Mr. Jarvis. She explained that she, Mr. Sapelli, Mrs. Schoenberger, & Mr. Lemanski had met with Ms. McKenzie and Mr. Jarvis earlier in the day to discuss and review courses offered at Agawam High School, which may be duplicates of those taught by the Collaborative. She also said she had met previously with Rosie Robotics advisor, Dana Henry, and former Committee member and Rosie Robotics advisor, Jay Cameron, who are both engineers wanting to offer suggestions for incorporating STEM courses into the AHS Technology curriculum.

Prior to turning the workshop over to Mr. Lemanski, Dr. Czajkowski explained that in order for student scheduling not to be delayed until March, the changes proposed to the *2011-2012 AHS Program of Studies* will need to be approved at the January 25, 2011, school committee meeting. Mr. Lemanski then provided a PowerPoint presentation that included the following information:

- Program of Studies Goals
- Summary of Proposed Changes
- Additional Factors Considered in Developing Recommendations
- New ELA Academic Courses
- New Science Courses
- New Business & Career Education Courses
- Additional New Technology Education Courses
- Additional New Course Offerings
- Technology Courses Dropped
- Summary of Technology Courses Offered

A lengthy question and answer session took place throughout the presentation during which Mrs. Juzba requested assurance from Ms. McKenzie and Mr. Jarvis that if a Technology course is dropped at the high school, then those students in a sequential course would be placed in the appropriate duplicate course offered at Career Tech. Both Ms. McKenzie and Mr. Jarvis gave their assurance that those AHS students would definitely be placed in the sequential Career Tech course.

Next, Mr. Lemanski distributed copies of the FY'10 Chapter 70 Foundation Budget and FY'11 Chapter 70 Foundation Budget, which showed how much more funds the district receives if students attend a Collaborative approved course rather than enrolled in an Industrial Arts course offered at Agawam High School. Ms. McKenzie also noted that another three (3) courses at Career Tech have received Chapter 74 approval thanks to the efforts of Mr. Jarvis.

Lastly, Mr. Lemanski distributed copies of a "Four-Year High School Plan for Career Exploration Opportunities in STEM-related Courses."

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee members to support the changes to the 2011-2012 AHS Program of Studies as presented.

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Czajkowski thanked Mr. Lemanski and Mrs. Schoenberger for all their efforts to ensure that Agawam High School students will receive the best course offerings in all departments.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned.
Time: 7:12 p.m.