

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting
January 8, 2024
MINUTES

Attendance: Jaymee Miller – Chair - Absent
Brian DeLude
Gina Nappi

Also in Attendance: Laurie Gjerpen, Director of Curriculum and Jeanne Pike, FCS Teacher at BHS

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Berlin Board of Education Library/Conference Room at 238 Kensington Road, Berlin CT 06037.
- II. Textbooks Recommended for Adoption:** The committee reviewed the following textbooks:

Child Development: Early Stages Through Adolescence, 10th Edition, by Celia Anita Decker, and published by Goodheart-Willcox Company. This textbook will replace the current textbook being used in Grades 10-12 in the Child Development course. Rationale for selection:

- More detailed
- Higher depth of knowledge
- Aligns with Human Development through the life span – ECE Course

Food, Nutrition and Wellness, by Roberta Larson Duyff and published by McGraw Hill Education. This textbook will replace the current textbook (from 2006) being used in Grades 9-12 in the Foods & Fitness for Healthy Lifestyle course. Rationale for selection:

- Very well written for a variety of reading levels
- Vocab highlighted
- Nice chapter reviews
- Includes Physical Activity

On Baking: A Textbook of Baking and Pastry Fundamentals, 4th Edition, by Sarah B. Labensky, Priscilla A. Martel, and Eddy Van Damme and published by Pearson (2020). This is a new textbook to be used in Grades 9-12 in the Baking and Pastry I and II courses. This textbook is a general, consistent resource for students.

The committee was supportive of the recommended textbooks and was pleased that outdated textbooks are being replaced and a new textbook will be used in courses that currently don't have a textbook.

- III. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Gjerpen & Kara Watson
Co-Directors of Curriculum