

# **Excellence in Student Achievement (EISA) Subcommittee Minutes 5-17-23**

In attendance: School Board Subcommittee members Dawn Dutton, Moira Bashaw, and Heather Ingham, Superintendent Tom Ambrose, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Christine Desrochers, and Director of Student Services Troy Kennett.  
Public participation: Dr. Pamela Brown

1. Call to Order- Superintendent Ambrose called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
2. Nomination of Chairperson- **Ms. Ingham made a motion to nominate Ms. Dutton as Chairperson of the committee, seconded by Ms. Bashaw.**

**Vote: All in favor.**

3. Grading Manual for Grades 3-5- Ms. Desrochers presented a draft of the Memorial Grading and Reporting for 2023-24, saying this was based on what the High School and Middle School did last summer, and we took it down to a 3-5 level, so it follows the same formula and format. This will be posted to the SAU website once approved by the Committee and School Board.

Discussion ensued.

**Chair Dutton made a motion to enter a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Motion seconded by Ms. Bashaw.**

**Roll Call Vote: All in Favor**

(Nonpublic meeting adjourned- public meeting continues).

Discussion continues on Grading Manual.

4. Updates on K-5 Literacy Program – Ms. Desrochers said the K-5 teachers spent time during the fall and winter months looking at various reading programs to pilot and/ or adopt for the 2023-24 school year and six (6) initial programs were brought up by teachers. She reviewed the criteria that ensure that we align with State expectations and other details. Ms. Desrochers welcomes any feedback on the proposed program.

Superintendent Ambrose said there is a difference of opinion from teachers on what program they prefer, so veteran teachers are being asked to help interpret their whys and why-nots of their choices.

Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: Dr. Brown said: As a teacher. We went through the same thing. It is like herding cats. You have to do something new, and the teachers say, "Well I have this procedure for assessment, and I want to see if this one's working, why do I need this one". I want to ask you instead of the 30,000-foot view, about the 100,000-foot views on the budget committee, which is where I am now, I'm just wondering if we're going to get an update on our targets, our academic targets for Math and English in our strategic plan? Does it involve meeting goals? How are we doing that?

Superintendent Ambrose recommended that Dr. Brown contact Ms. Desrochers.

5. Next meeting date-June 21, 2023, at 4:00 PM
6. Adjournment by Chair Dutton at 5PM