

**MINUTES**  
**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Committee Members Present: Gary Feltz, Jody Strupp, and Cherie Rhodes

Board Members Present: Bruce Hassler, Roman Weninger, Joe Havey,

Administrators Present: Jim Curler, Daren Sievers, Phil Ourada, Kevin Bryant,

Patrick Armstrong

Guests Present: Deb Rehman(ELA Coordinator for SSD), Numerous community members participating in house and via telephone.

1. Committee Chair, Gary Feltz, called the meeting to order at 6:00.
2. Minutes of meeting:
  - A. Deb Rehman and Jim Curler presented regarding the annual curriculum review cycle. It was noted that last year this cycle was paused due to the Covid issues that were more demanding of our staff. Mr. Curler went through the 3 phases of our cycle and showed how we are at phase 1 right now moving to phase 2 for ELA.
  - B. Mrs. Rehman then led the committee through what has been done so far which included:
    - Examine data related to ELA in the district and comparable high achieving districts
    - Examine current research
    - Gap analysis of current curriculum compared to state standards
    - Consideration of new/more current resources to support the instructional priorities and fill gaps and strengthen priority areas.
  - C. Gary Feltz (Committee chair) and Bill Brewer (Community member) then led the board and audience through a discussion regarding Critical Race Theory. Discussion points included:
    - In whole CRT is not being taught but some felt that there may be “entry points” into our curriculum especially in higher level elective courses at the high school.
    - Various viewpoints around teaching both sides of an argument were discussed.
- The process to request clarification of instructional materials was

explained. The first step being to respectfully ask your child's teacher and/or building principal the how and why of the subject matter or resources being used as part of the class. The other progressive steps were outlined in board policy if the teacher/principal step does not rectify the concern in a satisfactory manner.

3. Gary Feltz adjourned the meeting at 7:30.

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