

**FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 20, 2025
6:30 PM
Forest Hills Administration Building

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. WELCOME - Mr. Scott Haid, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
- IV. INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHT: Student Growth and Achievement Data - NWEA
- V. RECOGNITION
 - V.A. Board of Education Recognition
- VI. CONSENT GROUPING
 - VI.A. Superintendent/Board of Education
 - VI.A.1. Approval of Minutes
 - VI.A.2. Gifts to the District
 - VI.B. Business
 - VI.B.1. Payment of Bills
 - VI.B.2. Central High Renovations
 - VI.B.3. Eastern Chiller Replacement
 - VI.B.4. Central Middle Mechanical
 - VI.B.5. Northern High Cafeteria Furniture
 - VI.B.6. Eastern Middle Office Furniture
 - VI.B.7. 2024-2025 General Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution
 - VI.B.8. 2024-2025 Special Revenue Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution
 - VI.C. Instruction
 - VI.C.1. New Course Proposal, High School, *Pre-AP English 1*
 - VI.C.2. New Course Proposal, High School, *Honors Pre-AP English 1*
 - VI.C.3. New Course Proposal, High School, *Chemistry II*
 - VI.C.4. New Course Proposal, High School, *MLL Language Development*
 - VI.C.5. New Course Proposal, High School, *Pre-AP English 2*
 - VI.C.6. New Course Proposal, high school, *MLL English Language Arts*
- VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
 - VII.A. Resignations
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION
- X. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION

TOPIC: Instructional Highlight: Student Growth and Achievement Data – NWEA

The NWEA Fall to Winter Growth Data presentation analyzes K-6 student progress in reading and math between the fall and winter assessment periods. It highlights growth trends, identifies areas of strength, and pinpoints skill gaps for targeted intervention. Based on this data, the presentation will also demonstrate how students are grouped for tier 2 interventions.

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CONSENT GROUPING

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VI. CONSENT GROUPING

A. SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Approval of Minutes – Approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025, Special Meeting, and January 8, 2025, Closed Session, with any added changes or revisions.
2. Gifts to the District – Accept the donation from Tower Pinkster, as presented.

B. BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills – Approve expenditures for the payment of bills for December 2024, as presented.
2. Central High Renovations – Approve the contracts to perform construction work at Central High at a total cost of \$26,248,882 including contingency, fees, general conditions, and allowances.
3. Eastern Chiller Replacement – Approve the award of the construction contract for mechanical work at Eastern to Rite-Way Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,310,750 including contingency funds.
4. Central Middle Mechanical – Approve the award of the construction contract for mechanical work at Central Middle to Rite-Way Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,603,400 including contingency funds.
5. Northern High Cafeteria Furniture – Approve the purchase of cafeteria furniture for Northern High from Custer Workplace Interiors, Dew-El Corporation, Great Lake Furniture Supply, Inc., and Interphase Interiors for an amount not to exceed \$371,615.
6. Eastern Middle Office Furniture – Approve the purchase of office furniture from Interphase Interiors for an amount not to exceed \$84,200.
7. 2024-2025 General Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution – Amend the 2024-2025 General Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution with available funds of \$157,319,785 and appropriations of \$135,909,252, as presented.
8. 2024-2025 Special Revenue Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution – Amend the 2024-2025 Special Revenue Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution with available funds of \$16,100,943 and appropriations of \$9,938,875, as presented.

C. INSTRUCTION

1. New Course Proposal, High School, Pre-AP English 1 – Approve the new high school course, *Pre-AP English 1*.
2. New Course Proposal, High School, Honors Pre-AP English 1 – Approve the new high school course, *Honors Pre-AP English 1*.
3. New Course Proposal, High School, Chemistry II – Approve the new high school course, *Chemistry II*.
4. New Course Proposal, High School, MLL Language Development – Approve the new high school course, *MLL Language Development*.
5. New Course Proposal, High School, Pre-AP English 2 – Approve the new high school course, *Pre-AP English 2*.
6. New Course Proposal, High School, MLL English Language Arts – Approve the new high school course, *MLL English Language Arts*.

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SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD OF EDUCATION

TOPIC: Approval of Minutes

Board of Education approval is requested for the minutes of the January 8, 2025, Special Meeting, and the January 8, 2025, Closed Session, with any added changes or revisions.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025, Special Meeting, and the January 8, 2025, Closed Session, with any added changes or revisions.

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Minutes of Special/Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education
held on January 8, 2025

The Forest Hills Board of Education held a special meeting on January 8, 2025, at the Administration Building. President Fauson called the special meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Fauson, Michaud, Terry, DeBoer, Ninemeier, Colley, Kermode

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The special meeting was held to consider organizational items and conduct the superintendent's quarterly evaluation.

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board discussed officer positions. A motion was made by Member Ninemeier and supported by Member Kermode that the Forest Hills Board of Education elect the following officers for 2025:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- President – Fauson
- Vice President – Terry
- Secretary – Ninemeier
- Treasurer – Michaud

Board discussion followed. The motion carried by a unanimous 7-0 voice vote.

The Board of Education discussed committee assignments. President Fauson announced the following memberships for the Board of Education standing committees for 2025:

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS DISCUSSION

Finance Committee
Michaud
Kermode
Ninemeier

Curriculum Committee
Terry
DeBoer
Colley

President Fauson will serve as the alternate for both committees.

Committee meeting times were discussed. The currently posted days/times will remain in place for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Member Terry, support by Member Kermode, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024, Regular Meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous 7-0 voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Member Kermode, second by Member Terry, that the Board of Education move into closed session to conduct the superintendent evaluation pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(a).

CLOSED SESSION

AYES: Michaud, Kermode, DeBoer, Ninemeier, Colley, Fauson, Terryn

NAYS: None

Motion carried by a unanimous 7-0 roll call vote. Regular session dismissed to closed session at 4:33 p.m.

President Fauson returned the meeting to open session at 5:26 p.m.

Upon completion of the mid-year evaluation and board discussion, the following goals/areas of focus will continue to be a focus for Superintendent Kirby:

SUPERINTENDENT
GOALS

- Safety and security
- Communication and trust

Superintendent Kirby welcomed new board members Shawn Colley and Kelly Kermode, and shared the following updates:

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- A professional learning day for district staff focusing on safety and security will take place on January 20, 2025.
- An Informational meeting for families regarding the Junior Kindergarten program will take place on January 22, 2025.
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Christine Annese will be retiring at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. She has been a tremendous asset to the district and will assist with the transition process.

President Fauson also welcomed new board members Kelly Kermode and Shawn Colley and hoped everyone had a restful holiday break.

BOARD
COMMUNICATION

President Fauson inquired if there was other business of the board. Hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Malorie Ninemeier, Secretary
Forest Hills Board of Education

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SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD OF EDUCATION

TOPIC: Gifts to the District

In accordance with Board Policy 3303, Gifts and Donations, the following is presented for formal Board acceptance:

- Tower Pinkster donated \$55,000 to Forest Hills Public School for use throughout the district.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education accept the donation as presented.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE AND OPERATIONS



TOPIC: Payment of Bills

The financial report is presented for Board approval and includes the following information:

Summary of Bills Payable

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve expenditures for the payment of bills for December 2024, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$12,341,967.47
DEBT FUND	
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 2023	4,799,642.64
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	
Food Service	438,820.93
Childcare	1,562.42
Student/School Activity	129,765.26
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$17,711,758.72

Forest Hills Public Schools
Disbursements
For Month Ended December 2024

Fund	General Checking		Debt Service	Payroll Checking			Flex Checking - Employee Flexible Spending Accounts		Total Disbursements
	Checks (318666-320083)	ACH & Wire Disbursements	ACH Disbursement October / April	Checks (329532-329543)	Direct Deposit Payments	ACH & Wire Disbursements	Manual Payments	Debit Card Payments	
General	\$ 2,159,194.39	\$ 5,133,874.62		\$ 11,202.91	\$ 3,507,372.65	\$ 1,287,515.77	\$ 9,085.87	\$ 1,714.15	\$ 12,109,960.36
General, Athletics	37,511.18	3,512.60							41,023.78
General, Grants	101,916.63	89,066.70							190,983.33
GENERAL SUBTOTAL	2,298,622.20	5,226,453.92		11,202.91	3,507,372.65	1,287,515.77	9,085.87	1,714.15	12,341,967.47
Debt Service									-
Capital Projects-2023	4,798,935.01	707.63							4,799,642.64
Special Revenue Fund									
Food Service	438,486.98	333.95							438,820.93
Child Care		1,562.42							1,562.42
Student/School Activity	93,836.65	35,928.61							129,765.26
	\$ 7,629,880.84	\$ 5,264,986.53	\$ -	\$ 11,202.91	\$ 3,507,372.65	\$ 1,287,515.77	\$ 9,085.87	\$ 1,714.15	\$ 17,711,758.72

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TOPIC: Central High Renovations

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PROPOSED MOTION:

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TOPIC: Eastern Chiller Replacement

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the award of the construction contract for mechanical work at Eastern to Rite-Way Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,310,750 including contingency funds. This has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee and is recommended for Board approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

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TOPIC: Central Middle Mechanical

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the award of the construction contract for mechanical work at Central Middle to Rite-Way Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,603,400. This has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee and is recommended for Board approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Public Schools Board of Education approve the award of the construction contract for mechanical work at Central Middle to Rite-Way Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,603,400.

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TOPIC: Northern High Cafeteria Furniture

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of cafeteria furniture for Northern High from Custer Workplace Interiors, Dew-EI Corporation, Great Lakes Furniture Supply, Inc., and Interphase Interiors for an amount not to exceed \$371,615. This has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee and is recommended for Board approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

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Juli Davis

TOPIC: Eastern Middle Office Furniture

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of office furniture from Interphase Interiors for an amount not to exceed \$84,200. This has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee and is recommended for Board approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of office furniture from Interphase Interiors for an amount not to exceed \$84,200.

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TOPIC: 2024-2025 General Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution

The Uniform Budgeting Act (P.A. 621) requires the Board of Education to adopt Appropriations Act Resolutions (budgets) prior to July 1 of each year for the General Fund.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Public Schools Board of Education amend the 2024-2025 General Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution with available funds of \$157,319,785 and appropriations of \$135,909,252, as attached.

**Forest Hills Public Schools
General Appropriations Act
2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year**

**General Fund
Amendment - January 20, 2025**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the General Fund appropriation of Forest Hills Public Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, a resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations, and to provide for the disposition of all income received by Forest Hills Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenue and fund balance estimated to be available for appropriations in the General Fund of Forest Hills Public Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is:

Revenue:	
Local	\$ 30,962,122
State	87,446,663
Federal	2,780,571
Incoming Transfers & Other Transactions	11,658,171
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 132,847,527</u>
Fund Balance, July 1	24,472,258
Total Available Funds	<u>\$ 157,319,785</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$135,909,252 of the total available to appropriate in the General Fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:	
Instruction	
Basic Programs	\$ 67,989,684
Added Needs	9,478,731
Support Services	
Pupil	11,125,964
Instructional Staff	6,434,362
General Administration	807,975
School Administration	7,283,100
Business Services	1,894,135
Operation & Maintenance	13,887,047
Pupil Transportation	6,483,564
Central Services	4,658,806
Other - Athletics	3,397,616
Community Services	1,981,855
Outgoing Transfers & Other Transactions	486,413
Total Appropriated	<u>\$ 135,909,252</u>

**Forest Hills Public Schools
General Appropriations Act
2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year**

General Fund

FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Board of Education member or employee of the school district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement adopted by the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is charged with the general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the building principals and department heads accountable for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement adopted by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will levy up to 18.00 mills of taxes on all non-homestead property for general operating purposes and .9946 mill on homestead and non-homestead property for recreation purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of meeting emergency needs of the school district, transfers of appropriations may be made upon the written authorization of the Superintendent and Board of Education President. Such transfer shall be presented to the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled meeting in the form of an appropriations amendment.

This amendment resolution is effective January 20, 2025.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE AND OPERATIONS



TOPIC: 2024-2025 Special Revenue Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution

The Uniform Budgeting Act (P.A. 621) requires the Board of Education to adopt Appropriations Act Resolutions (budgets) prior to July 1 of each year for the Special Revenue Fund.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Public Schools Board of Education amend the 2024-2025 Special Revenue Fund Appropriations Act Amendment Resolution with available funds of \$16,100,943 and appropriations of \$9,938,875, as attached.

**Forest Hills Public Schools
General Appropriations Act
2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year**

Special Revenue Fund

Amendment - January 20, 2025

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the Special Revenue Fund appropriation of Forest Hills Public Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, a resolution to make appropriations, to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations, and to provide for the disposition of all income received by Forest Hills Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total revenue and fund balance estimated to be available for appropriations in the Special Revenue Fund of Forest Hills Public Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is:

Revenue:

Child Care Fund	\$ 1,134,025
Food Service Fund	5,526,618
Student/School Activity Fund	2,600,000
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 9,260,643</u>
Fund Balance, July 1	6,840,300
Total Available Funds	<u>\$ 16,100,943</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$9,938,875 of the total available to appropriate in the Special Revenue Fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below:

Expenditures:

Child Care Fund	\$ 1,313,950
Food Service Fund	6,024,925
Student/School Activity Fund	2,600,000
Total Appropriated	<u>\$ 9,938,875</u>

FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Board of Education member or employee of the school district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement adopted by the Board; and

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION

TOPIC: Approval of a New Course Proposal, high school, *Pre-AP English 1* ^{SH}

The Instruction Department is recommending Board of Education approval of a new high school course, *Pre-AP English 1*. The course proposal was reviewed by both the High School Level Team and the Board Curriculum Committee.

Pre-AP English 1

CHS, EHS, NHS / 9/ 1.0 Credit

This course fulfills the graduation requirement for English 9 as outlined in the Michigan Merit Curriculum. *Pre-AP English 1* focuses on reading, writing, and language skills that are relevant to students' current work and essential for students' future high school coursework. Students receive multiple opportunities to prioritize and strengthen key literacy skills, which include reading closely and analyzing a range of complex literary and informational texts, evaluate textual evidence and incorporate it effectively in writing and speaking, and understand how writers and speakers use specific words and sentences to move the thoughts, emotions, and actions of readers and listeners. Students will study grammar and Greek and Latin roots in vocabulary to develop their own writing, and improve their communication skills. Students will apply the research skills of synthesis, ML documentation, and parenthetical citations in a research paper.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the new high school course, *Pre-AP English 1*.

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TOPIC: Approval of a New Course Proposal, high school, *Honors Pre-AP English 1* SH

The Instruction Department is recommending Board of Education approval of a new high school course, *Honors Pre-AP English 1*. The course proposal was reviewed by both the High School Level Team and the Board Curriculum Committee.

Honors Pre-AP English 1

CHS, EHS, NHS / 9/ 1.0 Credit

This course is designed for those students who wish to challenge themselves with a higher level of rigor in the areas of reading and writing. The basic content areas covered include those of the regular *Pre-AP English 1* curriculum; however, students will also read and analyze additional texts and write more in-depth responses. The completion of a summer reading assignment is suggested.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the new high school course, *Honors Pre-AP English 1*.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION

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TOPIC: Approval of a New Course Proposal, high school, *Chemistry II*

The Instruction Department is recommending Board of Education approval of a new high school course, *Chemistry II*. The course proposal was reviewed by both the High School Level Team and the Board Curriculum Committee.

Chemistry II

CHS, EHS, NHS/10, 11, 12/0.5 Credit

Chemistry II will focus on topics not covered in regular chemistry and expand on others to give students a stronger foundation in chemistry. This will help students who are preparing for college level STEM classes and/or AP Chemistry.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the new high school course, *Chemistry II*.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION

TOPIC: Approval of a New Course Proposal, high school, *MLL Language Development* SIT

The Instruction Department is recommending Board of Education approval of a new high school course, *MLL Language Development*. The course proposal was reviewed by both the High School Level Team and the Board Curriculum Committee.

MLL Language Development

CHS, EHS, NHS /9, 10, 11, 12/ 0.5 Credit per semester

This course is designed to provide multilingual learners acquiring English with educational strategies to achieve their language goals while effectively accessing the mainstream curriculum. The course emphasizes improving literacy in English through targeted instruction in reading, writing, and vocabulary development. Additionally, students will develop tools and strategies to enhance their assigned work, meet assignment deadlines, and become more proactive and confident in the school environment.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the new high school course, *MLL Language Development*.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION

TOPIC: Approval of a New Course Proposal, high school, *Pre-AP English 2* ST

The Instruction Department is recommending Board of Education approval of a new high school course, *Pre-AP English 2*. The course proposal was reviewed by both the High School Level Team and the Board Curriculum Committee.

Pre-AP English 2

CHS, EHS, NHS/10/ 1.0 Credit

Students read closely and analyze a range of complex literary and informational texts.

Students value textual evidence and incorporate it effectively in writing and speaking. Students understand how writers and speakers use specific words and sentences to move the thoughts, emotions, and actions of readers and listeners.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the new high school course, *Pre-AP English 2*.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION

TOPIC: Approval of a New Course Proposal, high school, *MLL English Language Arts* SA

The Instruction Department is recommending Board of Education approval of a new high school course, *MLL English Language Arts*. The course proposal was reviewed by both the High School Level Team and the Board Curriculum Committee.

MLL English Language Arts

CHS, EHS, NHS /9, 10, 11, 12/ 1.0 Credit

This class provides multilingual learners with an opportunity to advance their skills in literature, grammar, and composition, with a special focus on English language acquisition. Literature is explored through poetry, short stories, and drama, while American culture is highlighted through readings, discussions, and current events. Students will develop and demonstrate proficiency in reading and analyzing literature, mastering grammar and composing essays. Writing assignments include essays, research reports, persuasive pieces, and creative works.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the new high school course, *MLL English Language Arts*.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Kirby", is written over the printed title of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

TOPIC: Resignations

Superintendent Kirby has accepted the following resignations:

Joseph Schwander

Math/Science Teacher

Eastern High