

***West Islip School District  
Education Committee***

***Administration Building  
Board of Education Conference Room  
March 10, 2016***

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***Minutes***

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Meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

Committee Members in attendance were Steve Gellar, Annmarie LaRosa, Bernadette Burns and Anne Rullan

Also in attendance: Scott Brady, Kevin O'Connor

**I. Grading Advisory Committee**

The Grading Advisory Committee has been meeting to develop guidelines for grading practices that accurately reflect student's performance. A consistent approach of grading among all stakeholders is crucial to ensure fairness and equitability. The committee values our students' attendance, behavior, cooperation, motivation, and positive attitude.

**II. Request for Reevaluation of Instructional Materials**

The District received a request for reevaluation of instructional materials for materials used in two SUPA courses, WRT 105: Practices of Academic Writing and ETS 181: Class and Literary Texts. As per BOE Policy 8330, an Instructional Material Committee was convened. Members of the Instructional Material Committee are approved by the Board of Education at the Reorganization meeting. At the parent request, a member was substituted and approved by the Board of Education. Due to the nature of the request, the committee essentially conducted a review of the courses. The review included written and visual texts, syllabi from other school districts, and student work. The committee made the following recommendations:

- Visual texts (films) will require more review before use in the classroom. Guidelines will be developed from the Curriculum Council Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016.
- Additional course information will be included in the High School Course Selection Guide.
- Notice will be provided to students and parents to review the syllabus prior to registering for the course.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.