

Minority Report

The Board on November 16 voted on the Everyday Math, Grade 3 textbook with one member absent, one abstaining. 7-6. The six members that voted for the book requested a minority report to be put in the minutes. These members believe Everyday Math, Grade 3 meets all requirements to be eligible for the conforming list of math books. The publisher agreed to add and correct all concerns the board had requested. The six also believe this action and failure to follow the law was unprecedented. The Everyday Math, Grade 3 book should have been on the conforming list because it meets 100 percent of the curriculum standards. Regretfully, the prevailing side refused to give a reason for their vote to reject, saying, "I don't need to give an explanation". The members had received messages from school districts that were using Everyday Math requesting the board to adopt the book. The six members urged the board to support this book, especially since the publisher was willing to add and correct and work with the board to meet their concerns. The result was to reject with no reason by 7-6.