

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:35 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building

MS. ANDREA BELLISE-JANDOLI, BOARD PRESIDENT, CALLED THE ROLL AT 6:35 PM:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Ms. Angela Altaai	PRESENT	Mr. Anthony DePascale	PRESENT
Mr. Brian Egan	PRESENT	Ms. Andrea Bellise-Jandoli	PRESENT
Mr. Pat Freda	PRESENT (7:10 PM)		

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education meeting finds it necessary to meet in Executive Session (Closed to the Public) to discuss attorney/client privileged information, which is exempt from the Open Public Meetings Act.

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Dr. Susan Ciccotelli	Superintendent of Schools	PRESENT
Mrs. Kathleen Marano	Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary	PRESENT

Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board interviewed two potential Board member candidates.

I. RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby convenes to Executive Session for discussion of the following subjects: 8.

It is anticipated that the Executive Session will take approximately 20 minutes; the Board may take action when it reconvenes to Public Session; and the minutes of the Executive Session shall be released to the public when the reason for the Executive Session no longer exists.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters or other exceptions to the sunshine laws as follows:

1. Any matter considered confidential by federal law, state statute, or court rule;
2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair the receipt of federal funds;

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3. Any material which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy if disclosed;
4. Any collective bargaining agreements;
5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds;
6. Any tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public;
7. Any pending or anticipated litigation;
8. Personnel matter related to the employment, appointment or termination of current or prospective employees;
9. Attorney/Client privilege.

Introduced by: Angela Altaai Seconded by: Brian Egan Time: 7:10 PM

Motion to return to open session (to be moved in Public Session):

Introduced by: Angela Altaai Seconded by: Brian Egan Time: 7:50 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was moved to open session.

Introduced by: Angela Altaai Seconded by: Brian Egan Time: 7:50 PM

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

II. RECONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:05 PM)

The Board reconvened in EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:05 PM for approximately 60 minutes for student privacy issues. Dr. Susan Ciccotelli and Ms. Meghan Cafone answered questions from Board members pertaining to HIB cases.

The Board discussed the Board member vacancy interview process and the next steps.

Introduced by: Anthony DePascale Seconded by: Angela Altaai

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

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Motion to return to open session

Introduced by: Anthony DePascale Seconded by: Angela Altaai

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT (10:07 PM)

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned.

Introduced by: Anthony DePascale Seconded by: Angela Altaai Time: 10:07 PM

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

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(Access livestream at www.fpsk6.org at 7:50 PM. Also available on Channel 34)

I. OPEN MEETING –PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

MS. ANDREA BELLISE-JANDOLI, BOARD PRESIDENT, CALLED THE ROLL AT 7:50 PM:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Ms. Angela Altaai	PRESENT	Mr. Anthony DePascale	PRESENT
Mr. Brian Egan	PRESENT	Ms. Andrea Bellise-Jandoli	PRESENT
Mr. Pat Freda	PRESENT		

The Board reconvened from Executive Session and Ms. Andrea Bellise-Jandoli, Board President, presided and called the public meeting to order at approximately 7:50 PM and read the following announcement to those present:

The public has been duly informed of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by posting, at least 48 hours in advance, a notice on the bulletin boards in Stevenson and Churchill Schools, a notice to the Township Clerk, and a notice to the Passaic Herald News and The Progress.

Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Dr. Susan Ciccotelli	Superintendent of Schools	PRESENT
Mrs. Kathleen Marano	Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary	PRESENT

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON: AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

Budget Presentation by Kathleen Marano, Interim Business Administrator

Ed Whitaker asked if cutting the subsidized subscription bussing would bring back any teachers. Mrs. Marano explained that last year the district didn't collect enough funds to cover bussing. This year there will be an increase in the price of subscription bussing and if ridership is not there, the district will have to abolish bussing. Mr Whitaker asked if we know the amount. Kathleen Marano explained that we do not have an amount until we know if parents want to continue bussing through a survey going out soon.

Gail Battone asked if all children would be affected if subscription bussing was eliminated. Mrs. Marano explained it does not affect mandatory bussing (more than 2 miles); and if we do not have enough ridership, abolishing subscription bussing will take effect in the 2024-2025 school year.

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Tyler Masterson asked if we are only allowed to take 2% or if the township can give more. Mr. DePascale stated no additional funding would be provided to the school district from the town.

III. ENROLLMENT

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Students 6/10/2022</u>	<u>Students 4/21/2023</u>
Preschool	40	35
MD	5	1
Kindergarten	97	98
First	85	95
Second	98	86
MD/Home	5	7
Third	98	105
Fourth	79	105
Fifth	90	83
Sixth	119	91
Out of District	1	1
Total	717	707

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Certificated Staff

1. Renewal of Non-Tenured Certificated Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves renewal of the following certificated, non-tenured staff, as well as staff to be tenured, for the 2023-2024 school year:

Will reach tenure September 2, 2023 (23-24 SY)	Will reach tenure January 14, 2024 (23-24 SY)
Manna, Michelle (Started 9/1/2019)	Zigouras, Alexandra (Started 1/13/2020)
Salant, Lisa (Started 9/1/2019)	

Will reach tenure September 1, 2024 (24-25 SY)	Will reach Tenure February 23, 2026 (25-26 SY)
Girardi, Gabriella (Started 8/31/2020)	Prinzo, Heather (Started 2/22/2022)
Goodman, Sara (Started 8/31/2020)	
	Will reach Tenure September 2, 2026 (26-27 SY)
Will reach tenure October 27, 2024 (24-25 SY)	Ashinsky, Jennifer (Started 9/1/2022))
McDermott, Taylor (Started 10/26/2020)	Lozito, Patricia A. (Started 9/1/2022)
Will reach tenure May 4, 2025 (24-25 SY)	Will reach Tenure September 28, 2026 (26-27 SY)
Lazaro, Justin (Started 5/3/2021)	Bonfiglio, Adam (Started 9/27/2022)
Will reach tenure September 2, 2025 (25-26 SY)	Will reach Tenure October 5, 2026 (26-27 SY)
Biondi, Anthony (Started 9/1/2021)	Martone, Ceyla (Started 10/4/2022)
Silvestri, Kyle (Started 9/1/2021)	Chomyszak, Theodor (Started 10/4/2022)
Wedemeier, Angeline (Started 9/1/2021)	
	Will reach Tenure November 29, 2026 (26-27 SY)
Will reach Tenure January 3, 2026 (25-26 SY)	Hadi, Samira (Started 11/28/2022)
Day, Gabriella (Started Tenure-Track 1/2/2022)	

2. Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the letter of resignation from Lauren Fitzpatrick, Media Specialist, whose last day will be June 2, 2023, with regrets, best wishes and appreciation for her dedication to the students of Fairfield.

3. Abolishment of Certificated Staff Positions Due to Reduction in Force

WHEREAS, State law authorizes a board of education to reduce the number of staff members, employed in the district whenever, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to abolish any such positions for reasons of economy or because of reduction in the number of pupils or of change in the administrative or supervisory organization of the district or for other good cause upon compliance with the provisions of the statute.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended a reduction in force that includes the abolishment of the positions for reasons of economy and efficiency.

WHEREAS, for reasons of economy and efficiency, the Board finds it advisable to implement a reduction in force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following positions have been abolished as a result of a Reduction in Force:

1. Two General Education Teacher Positions
2. One Special Education Teacher Position
3. One Library Media Specialist Position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board Secretary and/or Superintendent to notify all affected employees of their employment status and to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

4. Terminations/Non-Renewals of Certificated Staff Due to Reduction in Force

WHEREAS, for reasons of economy and efficiency, the Board is implementing a reduction in force.

WHEREAS, as a result of the reduction in force, the Board must terminate and/or non-renew the employment of several employees.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to thank these employees for their dedication and service to the Fairfield School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the employment of the following employees is hereby terminated and/or non-renewed as a result of the Reduction in Force:

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1. Employee #101243
2. Employee #101276
3. Employee #101278

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board Secretary and/or Superintendent to notify all affected employees of their employment status and to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

B. Non-Certificated Staff

1. Reappointment of Tenured Secretary

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the renewal of Jane Serpico as a Tenured Child Study Team Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year.

2. Reappointment of Non-Tenured Paraprofessionals, Secretaries, and Custodians

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the renewal of the following Non-Tenured Paraprofessionals, Secretaries and Custodians for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Paraprofessionals</u>		<u>Custodians</u>
Alatiyat, Heba	D’Urso, Roseanne	Colon, Gladys
Barrington, Brittany	Fiore, Melissa	Colon, Jenelee
Bertoldi, Nancy	Lozito, Patricia	Fedna, Carlos
Blum, Sharyn	Matos, Rose	Palos, Nicholas
Carroll, Lisa	Ortizzo, Kristin	Woodson, Robert
Celentano, Lauren	Spano, Jeanney	Zuk, Robert
Contaldi, Kathy	Straface, Kimberly	<u>Secretaries</u>
Convertino, Daniela	Suhey, Tracey	Kadushin, Laynie
DeStefano, Daniella		Petinakas, Maria

3. Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the letter of resignation from Edward Carrero, part-time custodian, whose last day will be May 30, 2023, with appreciation for his service to the Fairfield School District.

4. Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the letter of retirement from Maria LoCascio, Kindergarten Aide, whose last day will be June 30, 2023, with regrets, and appreciation for her service to the students of the Fairfield School District.

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C. Substitutes

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Linda Bresner as Playground/Cafeteria Aide Substitute retroactively to March 10, 2023 for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Abigail Kendall as a fully-qualified teacher/aide/secretary substitute for the 2022-2023 school year pending receipt of all required documentation.

Personnel Recommendations:

Introduced by: Brian Egan

Seconded by: Pat Freda

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

V. **CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM**

A. 2022-2023 School Calendar Revision

Attachment A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the revisions to the 2022-2023 School Calendar to reflect June 16, 2023 as the last day of school. Furthermore, schools will be closed on Friday, May 26, 2023.

B. Professional Development Workshop

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves attendance at the following workshop and approves the reimbursement of registration and/or mileage, to be made, pending completion of the workshop and submission of the travel report. *Lodging will be noted separately if applicable.

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration</u>
McDermott, Taylor	Decrease Attention-Getting Behaviors (BER)	May 10, 2023 Zoom	\$279.00

Curriculum/Program Recommendations:

Introduced by: Brian Egan

Seconded by: Pat Freda

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

VI. POLICY

A. HIB Investigation Confirmation from March 16, 2023 Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's HIB Investigation results as reported during Executive Session on March 16, 2023: The following HIB investigations determined that the actions reported did not meet the ABR definition of HIB: WSCS #07 2022-2023; WSCS #08 2022-2023; WSCS #09 2022-2023; WSCS #10 2022-2023 and AESS #2 2022-2023.

B. HIB Investigation WSCS #06 2022-2023 from February 16, 2023 Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves amending Resolution VI. A. from the March 16, 2023 Board meeting as follows:

The Board affirms the following Superintendent's HIB Investigation results for WSCS #06 22-23, involving 14 students, as reported at the Executive Session of February 16, 2023:

- HIB Investigation WSCS #06 2022-2023 for offenders A, B, D, & H are determined to satisfy the Anti-Bullying (ABR) definition of HIB.
- HIB Investigation WSCS #06 2022-2023 for offenders E, F, I, J, K, L, M, & N are determined not to satisfy the Anti-Bullying (ABR) definition of HIB.
- The Board rejects the Superintendent's HIB Investigation results for WSCS #06 2022-2023 for offenders C & G, as reported at the Executive Session of February 16, 2023 and determines that they do satisfy the Anti-Bullying (ABR) definition of HIB.

Policy Recommendations:

Introduced by: Brian Egan

Seconded by: Angela Altaai

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda (A), Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

Mr. Freda (B) - Nay

Mr. DePascale - Abstain

VII. BUSINESS/FINANCE OFFICE RESOLUTIONS

A. Minutes Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves/accepts the minutes from the March 16, 2023 Public & Executive Sessions as amended, the March 23, 2023 Executive Session and the April 18, 2023 Public Session.

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FINANCE:

B. Bills/Claims/Payrolls

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the following Bills and Claims List and Payroll:

Ratify and Affirm Bills & Claims List - 4/10/2023	\$213,681.17
Ratify and Affirm Bills & Claims List - 4/26/2023	\$166,034.50
Ratify and Affirm March 30, 2023 Payroll	\$437,354.65
Ratify and Affirm April 6, 2023 Payroll	\$444,078.07

C. Transfer of Funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education authorizes the transfers in the 2022-2023 budget, per details of the Transfers Report for March 2023, per state law, for the 2022-2023 school year.

D. Secretary/Treasurer Report

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education acknowledges and accepts the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the period of March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial reports for the month be accepted and shall become a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

E. Adoption of the Final Budget 2023-2024 School Year

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Final Budget for SY 2023-2024:

BE IT RESOLVED that the final budget for the Fairfield Board of Education, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey be approved for the 2023-2024 school year using the 2023-2024 school year state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the final budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline, as follows:

ADOPTION OF FINAL 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
2023-2024 Total Expenditures	\$14,755,981 \$14,769,982	\$282,319	\$4	\$15,038,304 \$15,052,305
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$1,877,365	\$282,319	\$4	\$2,159,688
Taxes to be Raised	\$12,878,616 \$12,892,617	\$0	\$0	\$12,878,616 \$12,892,617

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the reallocation of expenses to the 2023-2024 final budget as follows:

DOE Line Number	Account Line	Original Budget	Reduction/ Increase	Revised Appropriation
41000	11-000-217-106	\$186,744	-\$19,000	\$167,744
41020	11-000-217-320-00	\$107,000	-\$82,000	\$25,000
76020	12-000-400-331-00	\$25,000	-\$25,000	\$0
52320	11-000-270-514-00	\$274,319	\$126,000	\$400,319
3080	11-190-100-610	\$94,611	-\$34,315	\$60,296
43520	11-000-222-177-00	\$168,927	-\$31,928	\$136,999
49180	11-000-262-610	\$52,770	-\$500	\$52,270
71180	11-000-291-270-00	\$2,006,046	\$14,001	\$2,020,047
2120	11-130-100-101	\$518,266	-\$3,752	\$514,514
2100	11-120-100-101	\$2,347,435	\$56,494	\$2,403,929
TOTAL:		\$5,781,118		\$5,781,118

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education advertised said tentative budget in the Progress in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education public meeting be held at the Fairfield Municipal Building on April 26, 2023 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

F. Use of Banked Cap

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$71,983 for the purpose of salary and benefit increases. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2024.

G. Adjustment for Health Care Costs

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of ~~\$183,270~~ \$197,271. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health premiums.

H. Capital Reserve Withdrawal - Other Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$218,440 for other capital project costs associated with Winston S. Churchill School (\$120,000 for tile and mold remediation; \$98,440 for fees associated with ROD Grant roof applications). The total cost of this project is \$218,440 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

I. Maximum Travel

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$21,900 for the 2023-2024 school year.

J. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2023-2024

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

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WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education established \$22,600 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$6,156 as of this date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$21,900 for the 2023-2024 school year.

K. Additional Spending Proposals

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY (with not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is hereby determined that three additional spending proposals will be submitted for voter approval at the Annual School Election scheduled for November 7, 2023. The form of the proposals will read substantially as follows with such adjustments as required in accordance with guidelines or requirements of the Department of Education:

PROPOSAL #1 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS AMENDED

RESOLVED that there shall be raised an additional \$930,008 for General Funds in the 2023-2024 School Year. These taxes will be used exclusively to reduce general education class size in grade K through 6; reduce special education class size; reinstate the Media program for grades K through 6; continue the instrumental band and orchestra program for grade 4 through 6; employ two part-time district registered nurses; employ a full-time technology/network administrator; reinstate before/after school clubs in Adlai E. Stevenson School and Winston S. Churchill School; expand district-wide security; add a full-time custodian; add a full-time speech teacher. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. The proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

PROPOSAL #2 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS AMENDED

RESOLVED that there shall be raised an additional \$235,916 for General Funds in the 2023-2024 School Year. These taxes will be used exclusively to increase classroom supplies; purchase new computers and technology at Winston S. Churchill School; purchase of Digital Software; restore field trips for grade K through 6; restore seven (7) lunch aide positions; restore the Occupational Therapist Assistant position. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. The proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

PROPOSAL #3 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

RESOLVED that there shall be raised an additional \$540,000 for General Funds in the 2023-2024 School Year. These taxes will be used exclusively for employment and/or contracting of bus aides. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. The proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

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2. This Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the proposals set forth above and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the school district as set forth therein, hereby determines to carry out the purposes described therein.
3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby further authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the proposals to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5.d(9), 18A:7F-39 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-12.1.
4. The Board shall include a copy of the approved proposals as part of the legal notice of public hearing on the budget required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-28, shall post it at the public hearing held on the budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-29 and shall request that the County Clerk have a copy printed on the sample ballot pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-10 as may be necessary.
5. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the approved proposals to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2 and to request the County Clerk to arrange for it to be voted on at the Annual School Election once approved as set forth herein.
6. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution.
7. The reference to officers of the Board of Education herein includes any interim, acting or successor officer holding such position.
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

L. New Jersey Schools Insurance Group - Safety Grant Award

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (“NJSIG”) is a school board insurance group authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the “Educational Institution,” is a member of NJSIG; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSIG Policy 3710, the goal of the safety grant program is to provide members the necessary resources to complete risk reduction projects and improve the safety of the population NJSIG members serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Educational Institution applies for a safety grant through the NJSIG safety grant program for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,033 for the purposes set forth in their safety grant application; and
- 2) The Business Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award.

CONTRACTS:

M. Altice Business Telecommunication Voice Service Contract

WHEREAS, the District presently engages a provider of Telecommunication Voice Services (the “Services”) which allows for interconnectivity of the District’s computer network; and

WHEREAS, the proposed services agreement is exempt from the public bidding process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(20); and

WHEREAS, Altice Business, a.k.a. Cablevision Lightpath Inc., a Competitive Local Exchange Company, has the ability to provide the Services to the Board at rates more favorable than the rates offered by other providers through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System ESCNJ 19/20-30; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby extends the service agreement for a period of 3 years from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 with Altice Business in the amount of \$1,000 per month (not including taxes and surcharges); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to execute a contract providing for the Services, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Board Secretary, on behalf of the Board.

N. Altice Business Wide Area Network (WAN) and Internet Service

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the renewal with Cablevision Lightpath NJ LLC (Altice) for Optical Transport Service (OTS) and Internet Services for a period of 3 years from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 at a combined cost of \$2,098 per month (not including taxes and surcharges) through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System ESCNJ 18/19-46 (NJ Digital Readiness for Learning and Assessment Project (NJDR LAP) Broadband Internet Access) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.

O. Univent Repair at Churchill School

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education authorizes the repairs to the univents to bring in fresh air in the cafeteria at Winston S. Churchill School from Da-Lor Services Co. in the amount of \$6,018.70.

Roof Exhaust Fans and Motor	\$1,436.40	Invoice #00065350
Two Motor Boards	\$4,582.30	Invoice # 00065349

OUT-OF DISTRICT TUITION/TRANSPORTATION/HOME INSTRUCTION CONTRACTS:

P. Contracted Services for Home Instruction

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the contracted services for home instruction for Student ID #2029824 at LearnWell/High Focus Center at \$47.00 per hour for 5 hours per week plus administration costs for approximately 5 weeks.

Q. Out-of-District Placement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement and tuition contract for Student ID #20391666 at New Beginnings in Fairfield, NJ for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The total estimated tuition charges and extraordinary services is \$150,944.

R. Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) to provide the District with Child Study Team, Speech/Language and Home Instruction Services for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at the rates listed below:

Child Study Team Services	
Social Assessment, Educational Evaluation, Psychological Evaluation, Speech Evaluation	\$441.00 per student
Bilingual Evaluation	\$551.25 per student
Physical Therapy Evaluation, Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$496.13 per student
LDTC, Social Worker, School Psychologist	\$137.81 per meeting
Speech/Language Services	\$104.74 per hour
Home Instruction Services	\$60.65 per hour

ADMINISTRATIVE:

S. Dee Fleet Living Library Fund Grant

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education accepts a grant in the amount of \$10,016.46 from the Dee Fleet Living Library Fund, the Trustees of the Community Foundation of New Jersey to purchase books for the Winston S. Churchill School library.

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T. Fairfield Police Department Donation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education accepts a donation to support the Fairfield Public School Teachers in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Fairfield Police Department presented by Chief Manna.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

U. Building Use Applications

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the following Building Use Applications:

<u>Organization Group/Location/Purpose</u>	<u>Date and Time Slot</u>
Art Club (Vanessa Mayer) Stevenson Classrooms 4 and 13	3:30 PM to 4:30 PM Retroactively to 4/3, 4/6, 4/17, 4/20, 4/24, 4/27, 5/4, 5/8, 5/11, 5/15, 5/18, 5/22, 5/25, 5/30, 6/1/2023
Corporal James High, Fairfield Police Department - LEAD graduation Atlantic Health helicopter landing	May 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Business/Finance Resolutions Items A-U

Introduced by: Brian Egan

Seconded by: Angela Altaai

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Gail Battone asked if the three proposals pass in November, will those positions be opened again? The Board responded that yes, positions will be reinstated in January.

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Ed Whitaker asked what happens if the proposals don't pass. Ms. Bellise-Jandoli responded by saying the teachers and programs will not be reinstated and unfortunately, more cuts will be necessary. Mr. Whitaker wanted to know how we can make sure the community supports the questions. Mr. DePascale explained that a community outreach committee has been formed to share information and engage different groups in the community.

Desiree Agrifolio asked about cutting "higher level" teachers and wanted to know if the district looked at the top of the salary guide and offered teachers nearing retirement a package of some sort. Dr. Ciccotelli explained that is not legal and positions are eliminated based on seniority and tenure.

Marlaina Burzinski asked about district funds regarding field trips. Dr. Ciccotelli explained staff chaperones were cut; however, there are a few trips that remain in the budget that the Board pays for the transportation. If proposal #2 passes, field trips will be reinstated in January. Ms. Burzinski asked if the HSA can fund future field trips through donations. Dr. Ciccotelli stated that yes they can make a donation.

Lilian Coyle asked if the Board was aware of a social media post regarding a threat and wanted to know if the district was aware as well. Ms. Coyle asked who calls a lockdown in the schools. Dr. Ciccotelli stated any staff member can put the school on lockdown if needed. The Superintendent also mentioned that the district works closely with the police department to determine if there is a viable threat to our school system. Chief Manna clarified that there was never an expressed or implied threat against any school in our jurisdiction.

Marissa Nasisi asked if we would still need the trailers if the proposals to reinstate the teachers do not pass and we have freed up classroom space due to the teacher cuts. Dr. Ciccotelli explained that the teachers are currently sharing space at this time and there are a few teachers at Churchill still using carts.

XII. NEXT MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held, in person, on May 25, 2023, Public Work Session beginning at 6:30 PM followed by Executive Session with **Public Session resuming at approximately 7:30 PM**, at the Fairfield Municipal Building.

The Board took a short recess.

The Board interviewed another potential Board member candidate.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

~~There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned.~~

~~Introduced by: Brian Egan Seconded by: Pat Freda Time: 8:35 PM~~

~~Discussion: None~~

ROLL CALL

~~Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes~~

XIV. RECONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:05 PM for approximately 60 minutes for student privacy issues. Dr. Susan Ciccotelli and Ms. Meghan Cafone answered questions from Board members pertaining to HIB cases.

The Board discussed the Board member vacancy interview process and the next steps.

Introduced by: Anthony DePascale Seconded by: Angela Altaai

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

Motion to return to Open Session

Introduced by: Anthony DePascale Seconded by: Angela Altaai

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned.

Introduced by: Anthony DePascale Seconded by: Angela Altaai Time: 10:07 PM

ROLL CALL

Ms. Altaai, Mr. Egan, Mr. Freda, Mr. DePascale, Ms. Bellise-Jandoli - All Ayes

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2022-2023 REVISION

Date	Day (s)	Event	Staff Inst. Aides	Students	P/G cafeteria Aides
August 31	Wednesday	NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION			
September		2022	20	18	18
1	Thursday	First Day for Staff			
2	Friday	Preparation Day – Staff Early Dismissal			
5	Monday	Labor Day– No School			
6	Tuesday	First Day for Students			
14	Wednesday	Back to School Night: Stevenson			
15	Thursday	Back to School Night: Churchill			
26	Monday	Rosh Hashanah – No School			
October			20	19	19
5	Wednesday	Yom Kippur – No School			
10	Monday	Columbus Day: No School Students Professional Development Staff Full Day			
November			18	18	14
10-11	Thu. & Fri.	Staff Conference – No School			
17,21,22	Thu, M & Tue	12:55 p.m. Dismissal for Conferences			
23	Wednesday	12:55 p.m. Dismissal: Students & Staff			
24-25	Thu. & Fri.	Thanksgiving Break: No School			
December			17	17	16
23	Friday	12:55 p.m. Dismissal Day: Students & Staff			
26-30	Mon. – Fri.	Winter Break: No School			
January		2023	20	20	20
2	Monday	No School: Students and Staff			
16	Monday	MLK Day – No School Students & Staff			
February			18	18	17
17	Friday	12:55 p.m. Dismissal: Students and Staff			
20	Monday	President’s Break – No School			
21	Tuesday	No School Staff and Students			
March			23	23	22
22	Wednesday	12:55 p.m. Dismissal: Students Professional Development Day Staff p.m.			
April			14	14	14
7	Friday	Good Friday: No School			
10-14	Mon – Fri.	Spring Break: No School			
May			21	21	21
26 & 29	Fri. & Mon	No School Students and Staff Memorial Day Break			
June			12	12	9
14	Wednesday	12:55 p.m. Dismissal: Students			
15	Thursday	12:55 p.m. Dismissal: Students			
16	Friday	Last Day: 12:55 p.m. Dismissal: Students Teacher upon completion of sign out			
Total Days	<i>If more than 5 snow/emergency days are used, the calendar will be subject to change at the discretion of the Superintendent/Board of Education.</i>		183	180	170

Approved APRIL 26, 2023 REVISION by board of education