

Fairfield Board Of Education

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – 7:00 PM

Stevenson School - Library

15 Knoll Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004

The meeting will be called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m., by Mr. Brian Egan, Board President, by reading the following announcement to those present:

öThe 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 Progress Newspaper.ö

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Stacy Aschenbach, Mr. Pat Freda, Mrs. Andrea Jandoli,
Mr. Thomas Patierno and Mr. Brian Egan, President
Ms. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent of Schools, and
Mr. William Stepka, Board Secretary/School Business Admin.

Now, Please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance . . .

1. PUBLIC COMMENT ION: AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Guidelines in Accordance with Policy #0164:

- 1) Each Person who wishes to comment must state their name & address to the Board Secretary.
- 2) If it appears this portion of the meeting will last longer than 30 minutes, the President may limit comments to 3 minutes each, with comments directed to the President of the Board.
- 3) No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others have been heard.
- 4) Please be respectful of the Board, Administration, Staff and audience members in attendance.

2. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

I. PUPIL

A. ENROLLMENT January 20, 2015 Board Meeting

Grade/School	Total Students 6/30/14 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)	Total Students 1/16/15 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)
Preschool D & I & MD	26	23
K ó Stevenson	64	76
1 ó Stevenson	83	65
2 ó Stevenson	93	87
3 ó Stevenson	87	95
4 ó Churchill	96	89
5 ó Churchill	96	98
6 ó Churchill	100	95
Total:	645	628
Out of District 3	#342, #366, #412	

II. VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM REPORT

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reporting of the violence, vandalism, and HIB incidents for Period #2, from July 1 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

III. PERSONNEL

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the letter of resignation from Gianna DøUrso, Instructional Aide, effective January 12, 2015, with regrets, best wishes, and appreciation for her service to the children of Fairfield.

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

IV. PROGRAM/CURRICULUM

A. GOOD NEWS IN OUR SCHOOLS

Kindergarten

The kindergarten students had their eyes glued to the book, *Little Panda*, by Joanne Ryder. They were amazed to learn about the growth and development of Hua Mei, the baby panda that was born at the San Diego Zoo in California. They figured out quickly that it is important to read the captions to learn all that the author is trying to say. Thanks to the use of our Mimio projectors, students were able to observe the pandas that reside at the San Diego Zoo today. They enjoyed the combination of text and observation to gain information about pandas. They were motivated to put their new- found knowledge on paper in the form of illustrations and words.

First Grade

In the next language arts unit, first grade will be talking a lot about change. In class, they will be creating a timeline. Children will be asked to choose 5 photos that show changes that have happened in their life. They will glue the pictures in sequential order and write a piece to describe what is happening in the photo.

Second Grade

Second grade is working on another research project. They will be researching Turtles and Beavers. It will correlate with the Language Arts unit, Working Together, and Folktale, Turtle's Race with Beaver. The students will be using the Stevenson School Webpage for information, as well as books selected by the second grade teachers from their hometown libraries. The projects will be presented in poster form and their final drafts will be completed during Mrs. Perrone computer classes.

Third Grade

Third grade's Flat Stanley's have been mailed to family and friends worldwide. Students anxiously anticipate finding out the adventures their Flat Stanley will be experiencing in his travels.

Fourth Grade

Students are grasping writing justifications using textual evidence in science, connecting previously learned material about animal adaptation, and applying that to their fossils studies.

Sixth Grade

On January 13, Mr. Freda and Ms. Griffin (guests from ADP), presented a program about the importance of one's activities on the Internet. The program, "Digital Footprints" featured a video and question and answer session.

The International Day project involves research and a presentation experience while learning about countries around the world. This project will be completed during the Unified Arts period for the next marking period or so.

Fifth and Sixth grade music students went to West Essex on January 13 for the "Buddy Day" program. It gives our students a chance to practice and perform with students from the consortium and the West Essex Middle School.

Art

A new mural of the Churchill School mascot, a bulldog, designed by the district art teacher, Ms. Cecere, now adorns the wall in the gymnasium.

Reading/Writing

All of the language arts teachers have received training on the new writing program called "Empowering Writers". The concepts and lessons will be introduced to our students in the coming weeks.

B. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve attendance at the following workshops and approve the reimbursement of registration and/or mileage, expenses to be made, pending completion of the workshops and submission of the travel reports.

Staff	Workshop	Date	Place	Registration/Lodging
S. Patel	Executive function & ADHD in Children and Adolescents	3/23/15	Parsippany	\$189.99
M. Cafone	Improve Behavior and Increase Learning	3/19/15	Newark	\$229.00
C Malanga	Word Study, comp & Content Learning (NJIDA/NJSHA)	3/3/15	Westwood	\$195.00

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

V. POLICY

First Reading Policy #3125.2

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the First Reading of updated policy #3125.2, Employment of Substitute Teachers.

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Vote:

Business Resolution Items A, B, C, D, E & F:

Introduced by:	Seconded by:
Mrs. Aschenbach:	Mr. Patierno:
Mr. Freda:	Mrs. Egan:
Mrs. Jandoli:	

G. BE IT RESOLVED *to take from the table* and reconstitute the following Board Committees and Delegates, with Chair Persons and Members, for the 2015 Year, as designated:ö

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair Person</u>	<u>Member</u>
Building & Grounds	Tom Patierno	Brian Egan
Curriculum/Technology	Pat Freda	Andrea Jandoli
Finance	Pat Freda	Andrea Jandoli
Negotiations	Pat Freda	Brian Egan
Personnel	Tom Patierno	Stacy Aschenbach
Policy	Stacy Aschenbach	Andrea Jandoli
Special Education	Tom Patierno	Stacy Aschenbach
<u>Rep.</u>	<u>Designee</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Liaison HSA/Public Rel.	Andrea Jandoli	Stacy Aschenbach
Liaison: Fairfield Twsp.	Pat Freda	Brian Egan
NJ Sch. Bds. Delegate	Andrea Jandoli	
Essex Sc. Bds./Legislative	Tom Patierno	
Municipal Alliance Delegate	Pat Freda	

Introduced by: Seconded by: Vote:

H. BE IT RESOLVED *to create a new board committee designated as the "Executive Committee" (EXCOM) to review official Board of Education Agendas prior to distribution, and designate the following positions as members: Board President, Board Vice President, Board Secretary/BA and Superintendent.*ö

Introduced by: Seconded by: Vote:

I. BE IT RESOLVED *to appoint the following personnel as inaugural members of the newly created "EXCOMM" (Executive Committee):*

Mr. Brian Egan, Board President	Mr. William Stepka, Board Secretary/BA
Mr. Pat Freda, Board V. President	Ms. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent

Introduced by: Seconded by: Vote:

