

Fairfield Board Of Education

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 – 6:00 PM

Stevenson School - Library

15 Knoll Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004

The meeting will be called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m., by Mr. Brian Egan, Board President, by reading 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 Progress Newspaper.”

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 . . .

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 to 7:00 PM

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education 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.

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Voice Vote:

RECONVENE & BEGIN REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 PM

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education adjourns the Executive Session and reconvenes in Open Public Session.

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Voice Vote:

1. PUBLIC COMMENT ION: AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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2. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

I. ENROLLMENT: September 15, 2015

Grade/School	Total Students 6/30/15 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)	Total Students 9/8/15 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)
Preschool D & I & MD	30	26
K – Stevenson	77	102
1 – Stevenson	66	75
2 – Stevenson	86	68
3 – Stevenson	92	87
4 – Churchill	89	96
5 – Churchill	98	91
6 – Churchill	95	100
Total:	633	645
Out of District 5	#342, #366, #367, #412, #414	

II. PERSONNEL

A. INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Movement on Guide

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a move on the guide for James Verrengia from M.A. to M.A. +15 retroactive to September 1, 2015. All required documentation has been received.

2. Resignation

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a letter of resignation from Mrs. Jayne Moran, ESL Teacher with regrets, best wishes, and appreciation for her dedication to the students of Fairfield. Mrs. Moran’s last day will be approximately November 11, 2015.

B. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Assignment Adjustment

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to increase the days worked for Kristin Ortizzo from 3 to 4 days per week, at the same rate of pay approved at the August 25, 2015 meeting.

2. Resignation: Aide

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the letter of resignation from Gina Nappi, effective September 1, 2015, with regrets and best wishes.

3. Employment: Aide

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lisa Stefanelli as Instructional Aide for the 2015-2016 school year, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour for 4 days per week, 7 hours per day, effective upon receipt of all required documentation.

All Personnel Recommendations:

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call

III. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

GOOD NEWS IN OUR SCHOOLS

- Joanne Rhodes, Lisa Bowers, Amy Varcadipane & Caroline Vince-Cruz all participated, during the 2014-2015 school year, in Wilson training. The 4 of them completed the intensive training (over 150 hours of their own personal time) and they are now all Wilson 1 certified. They are all very excited & proud to put their certification to use in our classrooms this year and I wanted the board and the community to see yet another reason why Fairfield has such great public schools/teachers."

The front page news in the latest issue of the Progress was all about the beautiful garden the students in Stevenson School have created, which will be part of an NJTV segment, titled "Grow, Eat, Learn." The garden project began when Mrs. Chavkin applied for a grant through the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence. The garden has been nurtured by the children and teachers Jaime Chavkin and Meghan Cafone since early June. The enthusiasm is growing along with the garden. Students have developed a greater appreciation for nature."

- School-Wide
Churchill School students started the year smoothly and each grade met with Mr. Smatla on the first day of school to review expectations and goals for the first marking period.
- 4th Grade
Ms. Ferrito’s students are eager to see their “Reading Race Car” speed along the Read to Win track in their classroom, as part of the reading program this year.
- 4th and 5th grades
The fourth graders were excited & eager to learn new procedures and switch classes. The 5th grade Math class already jumped to demonstrate perseverance as a mathematical practice in a whole class problem solving activity, during which they had to work as a group of 15.
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IV. SUBSTITUTES

Recommended Motion: that Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitutes, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, pending receipt of all required paperwork.

- Agnieszka Golioto County Teacher/Aide
- Desiree Lipoma Aide (Currently Sub Teacher only)
- Patrick Ahearn Teacher (Employee Instructional Aide)
- Theresa Mongiello Teacher

All Substitute Recommendations:

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call

3. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

4. BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

Routine and Recurring Monthly Business Items A through F:

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** “that the following minutes be approved:”
August 25, 2015 Public Portion (No Exec was held)
- B. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve the following attached Bills and Claims Lists and Payrolls:
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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| B&C List: Aug 26 to Sept 14 | \$7,402.21 |
| B&C List: September 15 | \$583,571.29 |
| Payroll: August 31 | \$89,342.59 |
| Payroll: September 11 | \$345,186.10 |
- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve and accept the Board Secretary’s Financial Report for the month of July 2015.”
- D. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve and accept the budgetary transfer report for the month of July 2015.”
- E. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve and accept the Treasurer of School Monies Financial Report for the month of July 2015.”
- F. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve the following Building Use Application:”

Fairfield Municipal Alliance
Stevenson Gym & Cafeteria Friday October 23, 2015
Halloween Party

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

<u>Introduced by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>	<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>
Mrs. Aschenbach:	Mr. Patierno:	
Mr. Freda:	Mr. Egan:	
Mrs. Jandoli:		

Motion to Take from Table and consider the following recommendation:

- G. BE IT RESOLVED** “to enter into a joint “School Bus Video Camera Agreement” with Jordan Transportation, Inc. and the Board of Educations of Roseland, North Caldwell and West Essex Regional High School to share the cost of furnishing and installation of each regular school bus (55 passenger) and pre-school vans (3) with recording cameras (3 for each bus), at a cost of \$6,732.06 for Fairfield.” (This will cover our 15 bus routes for both am and pm and vans for the preschoolers.)

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call Vote:

- H. BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve an amendment to the building rental contract agreement for the 2015-16 school year with Liberty Academy of Rhythmic Gymnastics, of Succasunna, NJ, to utilize the cafeteria in Churchill school and share the Cafeteria in Stevenson School with Tiny Treasurers for approx. 12 weeks (for the winter months when Rec needs CH New Gym), and then use the Churchill New Gym during the remaining 32 weeks to conduct private gymnastic classes during the week for an additional \$12,438 in building use and related fees and on select Saturdays with custodial overtime to be reimbursed to the district.”

(Original agreement: \$23,562 plus \$12,438 = \$36,000)

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call Vote:

- I. BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve the following school district personnel as the only authorized individuals to contact our general counsel legal firm, in accordance with the School District Accountability Regulations (NJAC 6A:23A-1, et seq.), promulgated by the NJ State Board of Education Commissioner: Ms. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent, Mr. William Stepka, Business Admin./Bd. Secretary, and Mr. Raymond Santana, Supervisor of Special Services and the Board of Education President.”

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call Vote:

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC COMMENT II ON: AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Library of Stevenson School.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Voice Vote: