

Fairfield Board Of Education

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 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:

“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
Mrs. Ann Mulvaney, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT I ON: AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Guidelines in Accordance with Policy #0164:

- 1) This is **not** a question and answer session, but an opportunity to hear comments from the public, directed to the President.
- 2) Each person who wishes to make a **statement** must **state their name & address** to Mr. Stepka.
- 3) If it appears this portion of the meeting will last longer than 30 minutes, comments may be limited to 3 minutes each.
- 4) Until all others have been heard, no participant may speak more than once on the same topic.
- 5) District staff members may make a statement, except when the issue addressed is subject to remediation by an existing alternate method and/or the administrative chain of command has been previously utilized.
- 6) Please be respectful of the Board, Administration, Staff and audience members in attendance.

I. ENROLLMENT: October 20, 2015

Grade/School	Total Students 6/30/15 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)	Total Students 10/16/15 (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. NJASK Presentation Board Action
A presentation of the NJASK science scores from spring 2015 will be presented by the administration.

III. HIB Semi-Annual Report Period #2

It is required that all Violence and Vandalism and Substance Abuse incidents be reported for 2014-2015 period #2 at a board meeting between the dates of 9/1/15 and 12/31/15. There were no EVVR incidents. There were 4 HIB investigations at the Churchill School and 2 HIB investigations at Stevenson School, during reporting period #2 (1/1/15-6/30/15), which were reported at the monthly meetings. One Churchill incident met the 3 requirements to be considered bullying. The two incidents at Stevenson School did not meet the 3 requirements and thus were determined to be violations against Student Discipline/Code of Conduct Policy #5600. Appropriate actions were taken in regard to all incidents.

IV. PERSONNEL

A. INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Employment

- a. Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education offer an employment contract to Romina Casenta as a full-time ESL Instructor at Step 7, B.A. +15 degree level of the teachers' salary guide, effective approximately January 4, 2015, pending receipt of all documentation, including criminal history approval.

2. 2015-2016 Advisor Appointments

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following teachers as Club Advisors for the 2015-2016 school year, stipend per contract. If there are co-advisors, the stipend is shared.

CLUB	Churchill	Stevenson
Homework Club	S. Holly Eisenberg Lyndsay Dykenga Erin Bradley	Jess Henao Addie Fasulo Jen Pechko Laurie Salter Colleen Breznak
Art Club	Jamie Cecere	Jamie Cecere Jennifer Conte (split) Jennifer Gualtieri (split)
Communication Club	Jim Verrengia	Susan Baim
Newspaper/Writing Club	Vanessa Mayer	
Student Council	Lisa MacIntosh	Jaime Chavkin
Drama Club, Director	Amy Varcadipane	
Drama Club, Music	Carol Janser	
Jazz Café	Michael Cardillo	
Computer Club	Erin Bradley	
Yearbook Club/Co-Advisor	Amy Varcadipane	
Yearbook Club/Co-Advisor	James Verrengia	

B. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Resignation

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a letter of resignation, dated October 1, 2015, from Instructional Aide, Christina Sciacchitano, effective November 1, 2015 with regrets, best wishes, and appreciation for her dedication to the students of Fairfield.

2. Medical Leave

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a medical leave of absence for William Vaxmonsky, custodian, from approximately October 13, 2015 through January 13, 2016. Mr. Vaxmonsky will utilize all of his sick days and apply for disability through the State for the remainder of his time.

All Personnel Recommendations:

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call

V. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

A. Highlights of Good News in Our Schools Report

- District

Through the collaboration of the language arts teachers and a team of 13 who worked over the summer, the LA curriculum is finally complete! The document outlines standards by grade level and unit, providing a rationale and vision for the program, as well as resources that teachers rely upon to have it all come together. It was a huge effort by many people and we are all proud and grateful for the finished product.

Rachel's Challenge motivated, inspired, and touched students and staff at Churchill and Stevenson Schools during the Week of Respect. Students and staff signed banners showing their commitment to the five challenges and are also continuing the chain reaction of kindness by writing acts of kindness on paper chain links

On October 12, the 6th grade science teachers met at West Essex to work on curriculum with the sending districts. The focus of the curriculum was to align to the new Next Generation Science Standards.

The district purchased new materials for the Instructional Support Program this year from the American Reading Company. Through collaboration with the district's Reading Specialist, teachers have become familiar with these materials and have begun implementing the *Independent Reading Level Assessment*. Students choose a book at their independent reading level, which makes them more excited and motivated to read.

- Churchill School

The sixth grade classes attended the first annual New Jersey L.E.A.D. Rally against Drugs and Violence on Wednesday, October 14. They were joined by other students throughout the state of New Jersey.

In library, sixth grade students are reading eight different NOVELS-IN-VERSE and are beginning to write their own poetry in free verse which will explain their novel to the class. Fifth grade students are reading biographies of 2 historical figures and will be creating "historical dialogue" based on these people.

Students in Mrs. Malinowski's 4th and 5th grade social studies classes wrote letters to local heroes on September 11th. A few weeks later, we had a visit with Police Chief Manna and received a thank you note from Mr. Connolly, the Assistant Fire Chief.

- Stevenson School

First Grade

The first grade teachers launched the new reading program, ReadyGen, with a unit that focused on friendship. First grade students were also introduced to the new writing program, Empowering Writers, where they became acquainted with expository and narrative genres and created their own book cover for each. The first grade also took a field trip to the library to locate various genres and to learn about the process of checking out a book.

Second Grade

Second Grade has been working hard learning about communities in the Social Studies / Language Arts curriculum. They created brochures based on Urban, Suburban, and Rural areas. Pictures from each community were also included with the assistance of Mrs. Perrone during computer class. The children will be presenting their brochures to their classmates.

Second grade also launched: ReadyGen, the new reading program, Foundations, the new phonics program, Empowering Writers, the new writing program, and Achieve 3000 online reading program.

Third Grade

Third Graders are off to a wonderful start of the school year filled with many changes. The first unit in LA is a friendship unit and they just finished their first novel; The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DeCamillo. Read aloud; think aloud, discussions, questions, jotting, and journal entries were all part of this first experience with reading novels.

Walk down the red hall and see the final projects where students studied the sketched illustrations in the novel and connected them to importance of sequencing, internal, and external character traits.

As they continue with their author study, they are now reading, Because of Winn Dixie and the students are very EXCITED! There is no doubt the students will have a clear understanding of how to read a novel for the love of reading!

B. FIELDTRIP APPROVALS

1. Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the addition of the Yogi Berra Stadium at Montclair State University for sixth grade students, as part of the Too Good Program.

C. WORKSHOP APPROVALS

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

Staff	Workshop	Date	Place	Registration
N. Carnovale S. Healy	Dr. Jean’s Active Learning Adventure	12/11/15	W. Orange	\$220
Katie Prall	Powerful strategies for struggling readers	12/7/15	Newark	\$239
Judy Miller	Transfinder Training	11/10-12/15	New York	\$2,000*
Sonal Patel	Yoga and Mindfulness in the Classroom	12/10/15	Parsippany	\$199

D. LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM 2015-2016

1. Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the completed Language Arts Curriculum for grades K-6, effective for the 2015-2016.

E. QSAC STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE SUBMISSION

1. Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve submission of the 2015-2016 QSAC Statement of Assurance to the State, as is required annually.

All Program/Curriculum Recommendations:

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call

VI. **POLICY**

A. First Reading Approval

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations mandated by the State. These policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee.

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C. BE IT RESOLVED “the Board Secretary’s Financial Report for the month of August 2015 is not available at this time.”

D. BE IT RESOLVED “there were no budgetary transfers for the month of August 2015.”

E. BE IT RESOLVED “the Treasurer of School Monies Financial Report for the month of August 2105 is not available at this time.”

F. BE IT RESOLVED “to approve the following Building Use Application:”

Fairfield Recreation Stevenson Gym Basketball	11/16/15-03/11/16 M-F 5pm-9pm
Fairfield Recreation Churchill Big Gym Basketball	11/16/15-03/11/16 M-F 5pm to 9pm Saturdays 9am-12noon
Fairfield Recreation Stevenson Fields Flag Football	9/19/15-12/05/16 Saturdays 9am-1pm
Fairfield Recreation Stevenson Computer Lab Concussion Screening	11/12/15 5pm to 730pm
Cub Scout Pack#17 Stevenson Cafeteria Scout Meetings	Third Thursday of each month October 2015-June 2016 7pm-830pm
Brownie Girl Scouts Stevenson Classroom Scout Meeting	Every other Monday November 1, 2015-June 20, 2016

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:		

