

Fairfield Board Of Education

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – 6:00 PM
Stevenson School - Library
15 Knoll Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m., by Mr. Pasquale Freda, 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.”

The Pledge of Allegiance was then held.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Stacy Aschenbach, Mr. Brian Egan, Mrs. Mr. Robert Lombardy, Mrs. Andrea Jandoli, Vice President, and Mr. Pasquale Freda, President.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Ms. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Dan Saragnese, Interim Business Administrator/
Board Secretary.
Mrs. Isabel Machado, School Attorney

PUBLIC & STAFF PRESENT: 5 Members of the Staff & Public

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:10PM

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: Mrs. Jandoli Seconded by: Mrs. Aschenbach Voice Vote: All Ayes

II. RECONVENE & BEGIN REGULAR MEETING: 7:25PM

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

Introduced by: Mrs. Aschenbach Seconded by: Mr. Egan Voice Vote: All Ayes

1. PUBLIC COMMENT I ON: *AGENDA ITEMS ONLY*

There were no public comments.

I. PUPIL

A. ENROLLMENT February 23, 2016 Board Meeting

Grade/School	Total Students 6/30/15 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)	Total Students 2/17/16 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)
Preschool D & I & MD	30	28
K – Stevenson	77	102
1 – Stevenson	66	75
2 – Stevenson	86	70
3 – Stevenson	92	86
4 – Churchill	89	97
5 – Churchill	98	91
6 – Churchill	95	100
Total:	633	649
Out of District 5	#342, #366, #367, #412, #414	

II. PERSONNEL

A. INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Home Instructors

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Marya Major as a Home Instructor for the 2015-2016 school year, on an as needed basis, at the rate of pay stipulated in the contract for student contact, effective, February 24, 2016.

2. Maternity Leave of Absence

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Maternity Leave of Absence for Amy Varcadipane. Her due date is May 6, 2016, Ms. Varcadipane is requesting to use 5 sick days from April 29, 2016 through May 5, 2016 and 19 days after from May 9, 2016 through June 3, 2016. She will be using approximately 2 weeks of her 12 weeks of Family Medical Leave starting June 6, 2016 through the last day of school. Ms. Varcadipane will be returning in September 2016.

B. SUBSTITUTES

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education approve the following fully qualified teacher substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year, effective February 24, 2016, pending receipt of all required documentation.

Dennis Pignataro	Teacher
Kristin Ortizzo	Teacher (Employee Instructional Aide)

Personnel Recommendations:

Introduced by: Mrs. Aschenbach	Seconded by: Mr. Egan
Mrs. Aschenbach: Aye	Mr. Egan: Aye
Mrs. Jandoli: Aye	Mr. Lombardy: Aye
Mr. Freda: Aye	Resolution Carried.

III. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

A. GOOD NEWS IN OUR SCHOOLS:

District-Wide

- The Stevenson and Churchill Staff participated in an hour long boot camp class to raise money for medical expenses for one of our 5th grade students. Staff members who participated, donated \$10.00 each to complete a heart healthy workout. As a district \$600 was raised to help the family. The event was coordinated by Nicole Messina.

Churchill School

- Students in each grade met with Mr. Smatla (and their grade level teachers) for their quarterly “grade level meetings” to discuss how to improve effort and performance.
- For a previewing activity, before the start of the Tolerance/WWII unit in the 6th grade reading unit, Ms. Eisenberg came in to read a biography and share her mother-in-law’s experiences going through the concentration camps during the Holocaust. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions. They became very motivated to start the unit on the subject.
- Mrs. Eisenberg’s Grade 6 Math class has been working diligently on the IXL math program and xtramath.org program. Students are gaining strength in many skills.
- Students in grade 6 have been working on a differentiated research report on Ancient Egypt (13 options). They also have a hands-on activity as a component. They have been working on it for the past month and the presentations are next week.

- Over 90% of the 5th graders aced their unit 4 math test on decimals and place value!
- Students in Ms.Malinowski's class were rewarded with a breakfast/game party for being a "Good Choices Class" for the first half of the year!!
- Fifth grade students wrote biography dialogues in library class, after researching two historical figures. Dr. Seuss had a conversation with cartoonist Charles Schulz, Ruby Bridges and Cece Bell discussed their experiences with prejudice, and author Jeff Kinney talked to TV inventor Philo Farnsworth.
- Fourth grade students in library class read novels of many different genres, written by award-winning authors Avi, Marion Dane Bauer, Ursula Le Guin, Andrew Clements and others and presented the books to their classmates.

Stevenson School

- Kindergarten students participated in a two-week chick hatching project. They were introduced to this unit of study by Farmer Dan from Quiver Farms. He brought in 24 eggs and all of the equipment needed to hatch baby chicks. He also brought a hen and rooster so the children could meet the chicks' parents. Students were amazed as they watched our chicks hatch from their shells! This was an exciting time for the students.
- The first grade students were busy learning about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington and their contribution to the country. The students also learned how to locate Fairfield, Trenton, and New Jersey on the map. Also, a dentist came to visit for Dental Hygiene Month where the first graders learned about proper care for their teeth.
- Ms. Franzi & Mrs. Dillon's classes wrote an informational piece about penguins. The first graders watched a video and read several penguin books and recorded important penguin facts. Then, they wrote their informational piece in their writing journal using a topic sentence, two details, and closing sentence. Last, the first graders typed their writing while also adding a border and changing the font.
- Second grade students completed a three paragraph narrative based on being trapped in a snow globe. Writing included a hook, narrative details, and an extended ending. Their work is on display in the second grade hallway complete with detailed artwork that includes their photo. Second graders have recently begun opinion writing based on three famous African Americans that they studied; Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther King Jr., and George Washington Carver. Students were instructed to write about the one thing they believed made the greatest impact on our country. After reading about Ruby Bridges, each class watched the movie adaptation and discussed the similarities and differences between the two.

- The 3rd graders participated in an Animal Research Project. With help from Ms. Goodman, the children chose books from the library on the animals they chose to research. Using the Empowering Writers Expository Pillar, each student described the animal's habitat, characteristics, and diet. Each student had to use an internet source to look up the animal's life cycle. They had the option to cut and paste or illustrate the life cycle. The children then presented their interesting facts paragraph to the class about their animal.

B. 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVAL

1. Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2016-2017 school calendar.

C. PARCC ACTION PLAN

1. Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of The Superintendent, approve the ESEA Accountability Action Plan regarding the 2015 PARCC participation rate for the district, as mandated by the State Department of Education.

Curriculum/Program Recommendations:

Introduced by: Mr. Egan	Seconded by: Mrs. Aschenbach
Mrs. Aschenbach: Aye	Mr. Egan: Aye
Mrs. Jandoli: Aye	Mr. Lombardy: Aye
Mr. Freda: Aye	Resolution Carried.

IV. POLICY

Second Reading Policy #3431.1

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the second Reading and approval of updated policy #3431.1, Family Leave, which was omitted on the list from our last meeting.

Policy Recommendations:

Introduced by: Mr. Egan	Seconded by: Mr. Lombardy
Mrs. Aschenbach: Aye	Mr. Egan: Aye
Mrs. Jandoli: Aye	Mr. Lombardy: Aye
Mr. Freda: Aye	Resolution Carried.

V. PROGRAM/CURRICULUM

Semi Program Waiver

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3(b) 1 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2016-2017 school year, and

Whereas, the Fairfield Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having approximately 10 Medicaid eligible classified students,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools , in the County of Essex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3(b)1 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Program/Curriculum Recommendations

Introduced by: Mrs. Jandoli
Mrs.Aschenbach: Aye
Mrs. Jandoli: Aye
Mr. Freda: Aye

Seconded by: Mr. Egan
Mr. Egan: Aye
Mr. Lombardy: Aye
Resolution Carried.

V. FINANCE

A. BE IT RESOLVED “to approve and accept the Board Secretary’s Financial Reports for the months of September, October, November and December 2015.”

B. BE IT RESOLVED “to approve and accept the Treasurer of School Monies Financial Reports for the months of September, October, November and December 2015.”

C. BE IT RESOLVED “that the following minutes be approved:”
January 26, 2016 Public and Executive Sessions

D. BE IT RESOLVED “to approve the following attached Bills and Claims Lists and Payrolls:
B&C List: Jan 27-Feb 22 \$20,032.90
B&C List: February 23 \$320,092.71
Payroll: January 29 \$352,650.09
Payroll: February 15 \$376,027.77

E. BE IT RESOLVED “to approve and accept the Board Secretary’s Financial Report for the month of January 2016.”

F. BE IT RESOLVED “to approve and accept the Budgetary Transfer Report for the month of January 2016.”

G. BE IT RESOLVED “to approve and accept the Treasurer of School Monies Financial Report for the month of January 2016.”

Motion to table items A,B,E,and G:

Introduced by: Mr. Egan	Seconded by: Mr. Lombardy
Mrs. Aschenbach: Aye	Mr. Egan: Aye
Mrs. Jandoli: Aye	Mr. Lombardy: Aye
Mr. Freda: Aye	Resolution Carried.

Business Resolution Items C,D & F:

Introduced by: Mrs.Aschenbach	Seconded by: Mr. Egan
Mrs.Aschenbach: Aye	Mr. Egan: Aye
Mrs. Jandoli: Aye	Mr. Lombardy: Aye
Mr. Freda: Aye	Resolution Carried.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There are no reports at this time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Egan briefed the Board on the status on negotiations.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business at this time.

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

There were no public comments.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday March 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Library of Stevenson School.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION II: 7:25PM

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: Mrs.Aschenbach Seconded by: Mr. Egan Voice Vote: All Ayes

11. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: 9:00PM

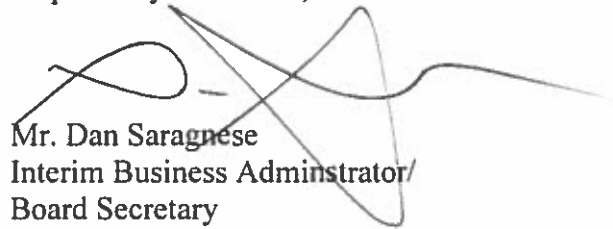
BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education adjourns the Executive Session and reconvenes in Open Public Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00PM

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

Introduced by: Mrs.Aschenbach Seconded by: Mr. Egan Voice Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Dan Saragnese
Interim Business Administrator/
Board Secretary