

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building

MR. ANTHONY DEPASCALE, BOARD PRESIDENT, CALLED THE ROLL AT 6:00 PM:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Ms. Andrea Bellise-Jandoli		Ms. Angela Altaai	
Mr. Joseph Fede		Mr. Anthony DePascale	
Ms. Melinda Street			

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Mr. Ryan Gupta	Superintendent of Schools	
Mr. Wally Lindsley	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	

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.

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: _____.

It is anticipated that the Executive Session will take approximately _____; 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;
3. Any material which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy if disclosed;
4. Any collective bargaining agreements;

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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 matters related to the employment, appointment or termination of current or prospective employees;
9. Attorney/Client privilege.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Time: _____

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

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Time: _____

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Time: _____

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____

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7:30 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building

(Access livestream at www.fpsk6.org at 7:30 PM. Also available on Channel 34)

The Board will reconvene from Executive Session, and Mr. Anthony DePascale, Board President, will preside and call the public meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

MR. ANTHONY DEPASCALE, BOARD PRESIDENT, CALLED THE ROLL AT 7:30 PM:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Ms. Andrea Bellise-Jandoli		Ms. Angela Altaai	
Mr. Joseph Fede		Mr. Anthony DePascale	
Ms. Melinda Street			

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Mr. Ryan Gupta	Superintendent of Schools	
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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 Herald News and The Progress.

Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- **2025 Annual Assessment Report**

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- **Audit Presentation by John Mooney of Nisivoccia, LLP**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS: (any new or old business)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON: *AGENDA ITEMS ONLY*

Guidelines in Accordance with Policy #0167

1. This is not a question and answer session, but an opportunity to hear comments from the public, directed to the Board President.
2. Each person who wishes to make a statement must state their name and address for the record.
3. If it appears this portion of the meeting will last longer than 30 minutes, comments may be limited to 3 minutes each until all others have been heard. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic.
4. 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.
5. Please be respectful of the Board, Administration, Staff, and audience members in attendance.

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FINANCE - OCTOBER 16, 2025

The following finance motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-6**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1F. To approve the Minutes from the Public & Executive Session of September 25, 2025.

2F. To approve the Bills and Claims List and Payroll as follows:

Ratify and Affirm Bills & Claims List - 10/10/2025	\$269,952.34
Ratify and Affirm Bills & Claims List - 10/16/2025	\$376,243.26
Ratify and Affirm September 30, 2025 Payroll	\$427,774.21
Ratify and Affirm October 15, 2025 Payroll	\$423,986.84

3F. To approve the transfer of funds for the month of August as certified by the Business Administrator and authorized by the Superintendent of Schools.

4F. To approve the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the period of August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 and certify that as of August 2025 the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriation balances reflected on these reports and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

5F. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the document for the various school facilities of the Fairfield School District are consistent with these requirements; and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Fairfield School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

6F. Annual Maintenance Budget – Form M-1

BE IT RESOLVED in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26A, the Fairfield Board of Education hereby approves the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet, Form M-1.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
CONTRACTS - OCTOBER 16, 2025

The following contract motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-2**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

- 1CO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education ratifies and affirms approval of the Non-Hazardous Waste Service Agreement with Direct Waste Services, effective October 8, 2025 for both Adlai E. Stevenson and Winston S. Churchill Schools as follows:

Service Type	Monthly Rate (per school)	Duration	Totals (for both schools)
Regular Waste	\$705.80	9 months	\$12,704.40
Recycle Waste	\$181.86	9 months	\$ 3,273.48
TOTAL COST:			\$15,977.88

- 2CO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves DLS Contracting, Inc. Change Order Nos: GC-01 and GC-02 for Improvements at Adlai E. Stevenson School in the amount of \$45,110 as per architect review and district approval.

Submitted change Order (GC-01 and GC-02)	\$55,110
Less Total Allowance	-\$10,000
Total cost for Change Order Nos: GC-01 and GC-02	\$45,110

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
ADMINISTRATIVE - OCTOBER 16, 2025

The following administrative motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-2**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1A. New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approves the results of the NJQSAC audit. The scores were based on the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

NJQSAC Area	Initial Placement (October 2025)
Instruction and Program	76%
Fiscal Management	100%
Governance	100%
Operations	94%
Personnel	100%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the school district did not satisfy at least 80% of the weighted indicators in one NJQSAC area; therefore, regulations require the district to create a district improvement plan (DIP) to address the noncompliant indicators.

2A. Special Counsel Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby appoints the law firm of Nagel Rice, LLP to provide legal services to represent the Board of Education and the Fairfield School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that attorneys from the firm shall be billed at rates ranging from \$300 to \$800 per hour, depending on each attorney's experience, expertise and level of responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total fees for such services shall not exceed \$25,000.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - OCTOBER 16, 2025**

The following buildings and grounds motion is made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Item **1**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motion:

1B. To approve the following Building Use Applications:

<u>Organization Group/Location/Purpose</u>	<u>Date and Time Slot</u>
Art Club Eileen Pekarsky Stevenson - Art Room	3:27 PM to 4:30 PM 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/2025, 1/5, 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23 and 3/2/2026
Art Club Eileen Pekarsky Churchill - Art Room	3:20 PM to 4:30 PM 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 3/30, 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/4, 5/6, 5/13, 5/18, 5/20, 5/27/2026
Band/Orchestra Justin Lazaro Churchill - Gym/Stage	7:45 AM to 8:35 AM November - December and April - June (Every Tuesday and Friday)
Choir Rehearsal Kyle Silvestri Churchill - Gym Stage	8:00 AM to 8:35 AM Retroactively from September - June (Every Wednesday)
Drama Club Sarah Kirk & Kyle Silvestri Churchill Gym/Stage	3:20 PM to 5:00 PM 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/2025, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/24 and 3/25/2026
Homework Club Maria Suppa & Laura Barra Stevenson - Rooms 13, 14 and Library	3:27 PM to 4:30 PM Retroactively to 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/2025, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 and 2/18/2026 (Wednesdays only)
Jazz Band Club Justin Lazaro Churchill Band Room	3:20 PM to 4:30 PM January to June (Thursdays only)

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Safety Patrol Meeting Sarah Kirk, Jennifer Sarna and Dorian Nazarian Churchill-Guidance Office, Rm 12 or Library	8:00 AM to 8:45 AM and 3:35 PM to 4:20 PM Retroactively to 8/29, 9/8, 9/9, 9/29, 10/17, 10/30, 11/4, 11/19, 12/17/2025, 1/14, 2/25, 3/19, 4/15, 5/13, 5/27, 6/1, 6/9 and 6/15/2026
Student Council Kyle Silvestri Churchill - Art Room	8:00 AM to 8:45 AM Retroactively to 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18/2025, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/2026
Gardening Club Jaime Chavkin Churchill - Art Room and Outdoor Garden	3:20 PM to 4:30 PM Retroactively to 9/29, 10/6, 10/27, 11/3/2025, 2/2, 2/23, 3/2, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/18 and 6/4/2026

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
PERSONNEL - OCTOBER 16, 2025**

The following personnel motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-3**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1P. To approve the resignation of the following staff members:

Name	Location	Position	Reason	*Last Day of Employment
Nicholas Palos	AES	Custodian	Resignation	10/25/2025

* In accordance with the 30-day requirement, unless mutually agreed for an earlier release date

2P. To approve the appointment(s) of the following substitute staff member(s) for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation:

Name	Position	Daily Rate	Effective Date(s) on or about:
Jeanne Chichelo	Substitute Aide	\$15.50 per hour	10/20/2025
Laura Fiedeldey	Substitute Teacher Substitute Aide	\$130 per day \$15.50 per hour	10/20/2025
Arushi Jain	Substitute Teacher Substitute Aide	\$130 per day \$15.50 per hour	10/20/2025
Renee Litz	Substitute Teacher Substitute Aide	\$150 per day \$15.50 per hour	10/20/2025
Deneen Matus	Substitute Teacher Substitute Aide/Secretary	\$130 per day \$15.50 per hour	10/20/2025
AnneMarie Perna	Substitute Secretary	\$15.50 per hour	10/17/2025
Ryan Reyes	Substitute Teacher Substitute Aide	\$130 per day \$15.50 per hour	10/20/2025
Nicole Sudol	Substitute Teacher Substitute Aide	\$150 per day \$15.50 per hour	10/20/2025

3P. To amend the following revised club position from the August 21, 2025 agenda for the 2025-2026 school year, per the current teachers' contract, for a minimum of 15 sessions per year. Split position stipends will be divided evenly.

Club	Stipend
Art Club (1 Spring at Stevenson) to Homework Club (1 Spring at Stevenson)	\$1,143.68

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
CURRICULUM/PROGRAM - OCTOBER 16, 2025**

The following curriculum/program motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-3**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1C. To approve the following requests for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses*
Andrea Bellise-Jandoli	NJSBA Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 - 10/23/2025	Registration Fee: \$550.00 Cost of Mileage: \$127.56 Cost of Tolls: \$ 18.10 Cost of M&I: \$238.00 Cost of Hotel: \$426.00
Meghan Cafone	NJPSA/FEA “Special Education Tool Kit”	Monroe, NJ	11/14/2025	Registration Fee: \$195.00 Cost of Mileage: \$ 60.55
Anthony DePascale	NJSBA Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 - 10/23/2025	Registration Fee: \$550.00 Cost of Mileage: \$127.56 Cost of Tolls: \$ 18.10 Cost of M&I: \$238.00 Cost of Hotel: \$426.00
Ryan Gupta	NJSBA Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 - 10/23/2025	Registration Fee: \$550.00 Cost of Mileage: \$127.56 Cost of Tolls: \$ 18.10 Cost of M&I: \$238.00 Cost of Hotel: \$426.00
Wally Lindsley	NJSBA Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 - 10/23/2025	Registration Fee: \$550.00 Cost of Mileage: \$127.56 Cost of Tolls: \$ 18.10 Cost of M&I: \$238.00 Cost of Hotel: \$426.00
Dorian Nazarian	NJAGC Annual Conference	Somerset, NJ	04/17/2026	Registration Fee: \$224.00 Cost of Mileage: \$ 38.73
Melinda Street	NJSBA Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	10/20 - 10/23/2025	Registration Fee: \$550.00 Cost of Mileage: \$127.56 Cost of Tolls: \$ 18.10 Cost of M&I: \$238.00 Cost of Hotel: \$426.00

*Estimated reimbursement of mileage, meals, and incidentals (according to NJ per diem rates) to be paid pending completion of the workshop and submission of the travel report.

2C. To approve the Fairfield School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for the Stevenson and Churchill Schools for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. In addition, approves that the Certified Statements of Assurance be submitted to the NJ Department of Education by October 31, 2025.

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- 3C. To approve the addition of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, Lake Hopatcong, NJ field trip to our current list.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
POLICY - OCTOBER 16, 2025**

The following policy motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1-3**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1PO. To approve the second reading and adoption of the following policy:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
P 5514	Student Use of Vehicles on School Grounds	New

2PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #1 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board's decision will be sent to the affected students' parents.

3PO. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation WSCS #2 2025-2026 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board. A copy of the Board's decision will be sent to the affected students' parents.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____

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ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 16, 2025

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Students 6/30/2025</u>	<u>Students 10/10/2025</u>
Preschool Inclusive	27	17
Preschool Disabilities	10	13
Kindergarten	99	98
First	93	98
Second	94	88
Third	104	98
Fourth	84	106
Fifth	108	89
Sixth	110	106
Out-of-District	2	2
Charter School	3	3
Total	734	718

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The Board President will open the floor to public comments on non-agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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NEXT MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held, in person, on November 20, 2025, Public Work Session beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by Executive Session with Public Session resuming at approximately 7:30 PM, at the Fairfield Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Time: _____

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bellise-Jandoli _____ Mr. Fede _____ Ms. Street _____ Ms. Altaai _____ Mr. DePascale _____