

Fairfield Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, February 16, 2017 – 7:00 PM
 Stevenson School - Library
 15 Knoll Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:06 p.m., by Mrs. Andrea Jandoli, 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.”

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jeffrey Didyk, Mr. Pat Freda, Mr. Robert Lombardy, Mr. Brian Egan, Vice President and Mrs. Andrea Janoli, President

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Ms. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Yvonne Hellwig, Business Administrator

PUBLIC & STAFF PRESENT: Several Members of the Staff & 1 Resident

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NONE

I. ENROLLMENT: February 13, 2017

Grade/School	Total Students 6/2/16 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)	Total Students 2/13/17 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)
Special Ed. Self-Contained	32	39
K – Stevenson	104	73
1 – Stevenson	77	111
2 – Stevenson	70	83
3 – Stevenson	87	75
4 – Churchill	97	89
5 – Churchill	91	104
6 – Churchill	100	96
Total:	658	670
Out of District 3	#342, #367, #412	

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II. PERSONNEL:

A. INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Maternity Leave of Absence Replacement

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education employ Gabriella Tornatore at Step 1, BA+15 on the teachers' salary guide, pending negotiation completion, as a Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher for Mrs. Dearani in Grade Two, from approximately March 9, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

B. SUBSTITUTES

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education approve the following fully qualified teacher/aide substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year, effective February 17, 2017, pending receipt of all required documentation.

Gabriella Tornatore	Certificate of Eligibility	Teacher/Aide
Lorraine Seredvick	Standard	Teacher/Aide
Karen Cielo	Employee: Aide/PG	Secretary
Gabriel Maria	County Certificate	Teacher/Aide

All Personnel Recommendations:

Introduced by: Mr. Brian Egan	Seconded by: Mr. Pat Freda
Mr. Jeffrey Didyk Aye	Mr. Pat Freda Aye
Mr. Robert Lombardy Aye	Mr. Brian Egan Aye
Mrs. Andrea Jandoli Aye	

Motion Carried

III. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

A. GOOD NEWS IN OUR SCHOOLS:

Stevenson School

- First grade has been working on "How To" in writing and the children are very excited to be the ones giving directions! They wrote about how to build a snowman, how to brush your teeth and are getting lots of practice giving these step by step directions.
- First grade also celebrated the 100th day of school by counting delicious snacks by 10s and placing them on ten frames. They also shared Mystery Bags, filled with 100 items.

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Children wrote 3 clues about what was inside, and the class got to guess what was in the bags. They couldn't believe they were more than half way to second grade.

- Second grade students wrote a narrative about being trapped in a snow globe using the "Empowering Writers" program. Students incorporated all the elements of the narrative writing diamond that they have been working on since September. They also celebrated the "100th" Day of school with many fun counting activities. They have been studying maps and the state of NJ in Social Studies. The children have been practicing the "50" states song to help memorize all 50 states. Also, in Social Studies, they celebrated Black History Month. Each child wrote a biography on a famous African American figure, which included their important accomplishments and why they made a difference in history. As part of the celebration, they studied Ruby Bridges, George Washington Carver, and Martin Luther King Jr.
- The third grade has been working very hard on their four paragraph essays comparing two texts, as well as comparing a text and a movie clip. The students are using their planners to organize their ideas prior to typing and then publishing their finished pieces on google docs.
- On Friday, January 6, the third grade had their class trip to Liberty Science Center. The students were able to participate in many hands on science experiments and watched a 3D movie.
- On February 8, Matthew Centrowitz Jr., a U.S. track and field athlete visited Stevenson School. Matthew won the gold medal in the 1500-meter race at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Matthew talked to students about his life story and Olympic experience. Students were able to view his gold metal up close.

Churchill School

- The Churchill School Student Council is working with Officer Steve D'Argenio, of the FFPD, to coordinate and develop a new program which will help veterans find employment and get back their independence after serving our country. Officer D'Argenio has attended several Student Council meetings and is working closely with the students to promote this community service project. The students are ecstatic about this endeavor and can't wait to help our veterans!
- Seven students in our RTI Cycle 1, Tier 3 reading program moved up to Tier 2 for Cycle 2.

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- As a cross-curricular project of Health (learning about the eye) & Science (learning about outer space), the students were extremely excited to construct their own Refracting Telescopes.
- Fourth, 5th, and 6th grade H.E.P. students are thinking like engineers! Students are using reverse engineering to dismantle netbooks, computers, Elmos, and other computer items to learn how to think like an engineer. In the S.T.E.A.M. lab, students study and analyze these items in order to learn the details of design, construction, operation, and perhaps to produce a copy or an improved version of the item.
- Fourth grade HEP students are also working on creating their own apps in Code.org! Woo hoo! Computer scientists at work!! Thank you HSA!

All Curriculum/Program Recommendations:

Introduced by: Mr. Pat Freda Seconded by: Mr. Brian Egan
Mr. Jeffrey Didyk Aye Mr. Pat Freda Aye
Mr. Robert Lombardy Aye Mr. Brian Egan Aye
Mrs. Andrea Jandoli Aye
Moton Carried

IV. POLICY

A. First Reading of Policies and Regulations

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations.

P&R 1510	Americans with Disabilities Act (M)	Revised
P 2415.30	Title I – Educ. Stability For Children in Foster Care (M)	Revised
P&R2418	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973-Students (M)	Revised
P&R 5116	Education of Homeless Children	Revised
P 5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote	New
P&R 8330	Student Records (M)	Revised

All Policy Recommendations:

Introduced by: Mr. Pat Freda Seconded by: Mr. Jeffrey Didyk
Mr. Jeffrey Didyk Aye Mr. Pat Freda Aye
Mr. Robert Lombardy Aye Mr. Brian Egan Aye
Mrs. Andrea Jandoli Aye

V. PROGRAM/CURRICULUM

A. 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 2017-2018 school year, and

Whereas, the Fairfield Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects Fairfield will not meet the minimum number of Medicaid eligible classified students,

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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 2017-2018 school year.

B. School Calendar Approval 2017-2018

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the school calendar for the 2017-2018 School Year.

C. 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
Sue Healy	Practical Workstations to increase Learning P-K	3/16/17	Newark	\$245

Program/Curriculum Recommendations

Introduced by: Mr. Pat Freda

Seconded by: Mrs. Andrea Jandoli

Mr. Jeffrey Didyk Aye

Mr. Pat Freda Aye

Mr. Robert Lombardy Aye

Mr. Brian Egan Aye

Mrs. Andrea Jandoli Aye

Motion Carried

VI. FINANCE

Routine and Recurring Monthly Business Items A-F

A. BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from the Public and Executive Sessions, held on January 24, 2017 be approved.

B. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following attached Bills and Claims Lists and Payrolls:

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Bills and Claims	Amount
February 16, 2017	\$323,051.95
January 15, 2017	\$392,816.80
January 30, 2017	\$347,482.86

- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve and accept the Board Secretary’s Financial Report for the months of October and November 2016.
- D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the budgetary transfers for the month of January 2017.
- E. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve and accept the Treasurer’s Report for the months of October and November 2016.

F - Building Use Applications (continued)

Fairfield Recreation Churchill: 3 Fields Baseball/Softball Practices	March 13, 2017 through June 30, 2017 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Weather Permitting
West Essex Booster Club Stevenson Gym and outdoors West Essex F.H. Clinic	April 19 & 26, 2017 and May 5, 10, & 17, 2017 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
NEXTV, LLC Stevenson Classroom Filming of commercial	February 22, 2017 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Business Resolutions A, B, C, D, E, & F

Introduced by: Mr. Brian Egan	Seconded by: Mr. Pat Freda
Mr. Jeffrey Didyk Aye	Mr. Pat Freda Aye
Mr. Robert Lombardy Aye	Mr. Brian Egan Aye
Mrs. Andrea Jandoli Aye	

Motion Carried

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VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Egan, reported that a lot of progress in contract negotiations has been made. There are as few details that need to be ironed out. Mr. Egan also spoke about being prepared, in terms of school security. Not just active shooter training, but also training in many areas of preparedness such as the handling of massive bleeding.

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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Lombardy wanted to revisit the idea of a Summer Reading Program presentation and stated that maybe the Community Garden Group may also do a presentation in the future.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lombardy asked if any additional testing was planned for the students in addition to the PARCC testing.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A Fairfield resident thanked the Board for a program that is part of Home Schooling. Although the program is wonderful, Mrs. Messaro recommended making it a little more meaningful.

X. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Stevenson School.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Action will be taken.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education finds it necessary to meet in Executive Session (closed to the public) to discuss negotiations and personnel issues, which is exempt from the Open Public Meetings Act.

Introduced by: Mr. Brian Ean Seconded by: Mr. Jeffrey Didyk Voice Vote

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Introduced by: Mr. Brian Egan Seconded by: Mr. Jeffrey Didyk Voice Vote

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Hellwig
Business Administrator/Board Secretary