

Fairfield Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
7:30 p.m. in the Churchill School Small Gymnasium
(Access livestream at www.fpsk6.org at 7:30 p.m.)

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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: Ms. Andrea Bellise Jandoli Seconded by: Mr. Anthony DePascale

Ms. Bellise Jandoli: Aye Mr. DePascale: Aye Mr. Freda: Aye
Motion Carries

II. OPEN MEETING –PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Introduced by: Ms. Andrea Bellise Jandoli Seconded by: Mr. Anthony DePascale

Ms. Bellise Jandoli: Aye Mr. DePascale: Aye Mr. Freda: Aye
Motion Carries

Mr. Pat Freda, Board President, presided and voiced the call to order at 7:41 p.m. 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 Passaic Herald (The Herald News) and The Progress.

Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Andrea Bellise Jandoli; Mr. Anthony DePascale, Vice-President; Mr. Pat Freda, President

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jeffrey Didyk and Mr. Brian Egan

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent of Schools; and Ms. Lyanna Rios, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON: *AGENDA ITEMS ONLY*

None

STEAM PRESENTATION BY CHURCHILL SCHOOL STUDENTS
Mrs. D. Nazarian, STEAM Instructor

The Board took a short recess at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

IV. ENROLLMENT

Grade	Total Students 6/10/2021	Total Students 2/11/2022
Preschool	41	40
MD/Home	7	5
Kindergarten	76	97
First	96	85
Second	94	98
Third	84	99
MD	0	3
Fourth	85	79
Fifth	119	90
Sixth	95	119
Total	697	715

V. PERSONNEL

A. Non-Certificated Staff - Change in Schedule

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a temporary change in schedule for Mark Rivera, Paraprofessional, from 5 days per week to 3 days per week at his regular daily hours and hourly rate, effective retroactively from February 1, 2022.

B. Substitute Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following fully-qualified substitutes, pending receipt of all required documentation:

Laurie Carmagnola	Teacher/Aide
Mark Rivera, current paraprofessional	Teacher

C. Administration - ESEA Grant Coordinator Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Ray Santana as ESEA Grant Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$2,300 retroactively from September 1, 2021.

D. Sidebar Agreement Approval

Attachment A

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Education Association has ratified the attached Sidebar Agreement to the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Fairfield Board of Education and the Fairfield Education Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education ratifies the attached Sidebar Agreement to the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Fairfield Board of Education and the Fairfield Education Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education authorizes and directs the Board President to execute the attached Sidebar Agreement.

Personnel Recommendations:

Introduced by: Ms. Andrea Bellise Jandoli Seconded by: Mr. Anthony DePascale

Ms. Bellise Jandoli: Aye Mr. DePascale: Aye Mr. Freda: Aye
Motion Carries

VI. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

A. SEMI Program Waiver

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 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 2022-2023 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; and

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 N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b)1 for the 2022-2023 school year.

B. Professional Development Workshops

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves attendance at the following workshops and approves the reimbursement of registration and/or mileage, to be made, pending completion of the workshops and submission of the travel reports. *Lodging will be noted separately if applicable.

Staff	Workshop	Date	Registration*
Judy Miller	1099 IRS Update	Virtual Workshop	\$199
John Porcino	B&G Expo	3/20 - 3/23, 2022	\$300

C. Curriculum Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following curriculum, aligned to NJSL, effective beginning with the 2021-2022 school year:

- Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills
- English Language Arts (ELA)
- STEAM

Curriculum/Program Recommendations:

Introduced by: Ms. Andrea Bellise Jandoli Seconded by: Mr. Anthony DePascale

Ms. Bellise Jandoli: Aye Mr. DePascale: Aye Mr. Freda: Aye
Motion Carries

VII. POLICY

Policy/Regulation Second Reading and Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts and approves the second reading of the following policies and regulation, as noted:

Policies/Regulation	Title	Revised/New
P 4415	Substitute Wages	Revised
P & R 8611	Subscription Busing	New

Policy Recommendations:

Introduced by: Ms. Andrea Bellise Jandoli Seconded by: Mr. Anthony DePascale

Ms. Bellise Jandoli: Aye Mr. DePascale: Aye Mr. Freda: Aye
Motion Carries

VIII. BUSINESS/FINANCE OFFICE RESOLUTIONS

A. Minutes Approval

Attachment B

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the attached minutes from the January 6, 2022 and January 20, 2022 Public & Executive Sessions.

B. Bills/Claims/Payrolls

Attachment C

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the following Bills and Claims List and Payroll:

Bills and Claims List	\$358,544.91
January 28, 2022 Payroll	\$390,505.80

C. Approval of Temporary Classroom Units at Winston S. Churchill

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the “Board”), engaged in a demographic study which included an analysis of student enrollment trends revealing enrollment increasing from 707 to 796 over five years, and the Board does not have any other facilities through which the increases in enrollment can be accommodated; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to proceed with a school facilities project to temporarily accommodate the increases in enrollment consisting generally of:

**TEMPORARY CLASSROOM UNITS AT WINSTON S. CHURCHILL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairfield Board of Education in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26–3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Educational Specifications prepared in connection with the project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex Executive County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex Executive County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. The Board also authorizes the payment of the Final Education Review Fee to the New Jersey Department of Education. The Board further authorizes the submission of the Schematic Plans to the Municipal planning board for its review. This project is designated as a “Other Capital” project and the Board is not seeking state funding.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 4. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution, including, but not limited to, the submission of the Board's temporary facilities application, this resolution, and information to the New Jersey Department of Education and the Essex Executive County Superintendent as applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately **contingent upon the Architect's fee proposal.**

D. American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education has been allocated funds through the American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) II Program; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education was allocated \$884.00; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the requirements of ARP-HCY if the District's allocation is less than \$5,000.00, the Fairfield Board of Education must select one of the following:

- join a regional consortium to utilize the funding
- choose to decline the funding

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education will decline the American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) II Program funding allocation in the amount of \$884.00 and authorizes the District's School Business Administrator and Superintendent to complete the process required on the District's behalf.

Business/Finance Office Resolutions Items A-D

Note: Approval of C. (Temporary Classroom Units at Winston S. Churchill) - Contingent upon cost of Architect's Fee Proposal

Introduced by: Ms. Andrea Bellise Jandoli Seconded by: Mr. Anthony DePascale

Ms. Bellise Jandoli: Aye Mr. DePascale: Aye Mr. Freda: Aye

Motion Carries

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Freda reported that after Board discussion future Board meetings will continue to be held at the Small Gymnasium at Churchill School.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anthony DePascale reported on the Curriculum and Instruction meeting on February 9, 2022.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Steven Clifford, 12 Inwood Terrace, commented about the mask mandate and if the district is going to wait until March 7th.

The following individuals inquired about subscription busing:

Liridona Sheholli, 2 Sarah Lane

Lauren Mattaliano, 4 Misner Court

Dawn Barreca, 32 Campbell Road

Christine Cifelli, 61 Deer Park Road, asked if we would reconsider subscription busing and the cost per day for each child. She also would like to follow up on transportation. Why not charge all parents. She commented on the failed referendum and plans for a future referendum. She also commented on the third grade moving to Churchill.

Nicole Breslin, 15 Jocine Drive, asked about subscription busing and the Hollywood Avenue Bridge closure. She asked about the families who have multiple children and different schools. Will the school start times be staggered? She also asked if there would be crossing guards at the main intersections and the cost associated with the same. She also asked about the before and after school program. She further asked about any savings and if it can be applied to teacher salaries.

Robert Rosania, 4 Alyson Drive, commented on the mask mandates and the children's inability to exchange Valentines. He shared with the Board a drawing his daughter made expressing her discontent with the use of masks.

Joe Busciglio, 9 Crescent Drive, commented on the mask mandate and asked for information to be provided as the district receives updates.

Nicole Sudol, 28 Alan Drive, commented on subscription busing. She further commented on the third grade moving to Churchill. Lastly, she commented about future referendum dates.

Tyler Masterson, 21 Henrietta Drive, asked about the third grade move to Churchill, she also inquired about the demographic studies completed. Mrs. Masterson asked if PreK would expand to a full day. Mrs. Masterson commented on the subscription busing survey.

Robert Ivers, 16 John Street, asked about the impact on transportation with the third grade moving to Churchill. He also asked if there was a zoom link for public participation in the meeting.

Anthony Carmagnola, 42 Henning Drive, spoke about the mask mandate.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held, in person, on March 22, 2022, Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Public Session at 7:30 p.m., in the Small Gymnasium at Churchill School.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Introduced by: Ms. Andrea Bellise Jandoli Seconded by: Mr. Anthony DePascale

Ms. Bellise Jandoli: Aye Mr. DePascale: Aye Mr. Freda: Aye

Motion Carries