

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Policy Committee Agenda, 2/27/2018

BOE Special Meeting Agenda, 2/28/2018

Vision of a Graduate – Flyer

Milone & MacBroom- Responses from 2/13/2018

Superintendent Update to Families, February 2018



Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

February 27	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting 501 Kings Hwy East Superintendent's Conference Room
February 28 WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM	Special Meeting – Town Hall RLMS Auditorium 689 Unquowa Road
March 6	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting 501 Kings Hwy East Superintendent's Conference Room
March 13	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting 501 Kings Hwy East 2 nd Floor Board Conference Room

Other Town Meetings of Note:

- 2/26/18 - 8:00 PM, CO Board Rm - RTM Regular Meeting (BOE Capital Non-Recurring Projects)*
- 2/27/18 – 7:30 PM, CO Board Rm – BOF Quarterly Review*
- 3/6/18 – 7:30 PM, CO Board Rm – BOF – BOE Budget Review*
- 3/7/18 – 5:00 PM, SIH – BOS – Sherman Project Review*
- 4/3/18 – 7:30 PM, CO Board Rm – BOF Review of Sherman and Mill Hill Projects*

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAIRFIELD, CT

Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
5:00 PM
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent's Conference Room

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of February 2, 2018 Minutes
- III. Discussion of 1311.1/1311.2 Political Activities of School Employees in School/On
School Property
- IV. Social Media Policy Update
- V. Homework and Vacation Discussion
- VI. Future Items
 - a. Booster Clubs
 - b. Corporate Sponsorship
 - c. High School Graduation Requirements
 - d. Board of Education Handbook
 - e. Student Discipline Policies - Expulsion
- VII. Open Discussion/Public Comment
- VIII. Adjournment

Future Meetings: March 6, March 27

All meetings will be held at 501 Kings Highway East, Superintendent's Conference Room
Unless otherwise noted.

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Special Meeting/Town Hall Agenda
Roger Ludlowe Middle School Auditorium
689 Unquowa Road
February 28, 2018
7:30 PM

Moderated by First Selectman, Mr. Michael Tetreau

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Business Items
 - A. Security Panel: Presentation on School Safety and Security
Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones, Mr. Thomas Cullen, Mr. Sal Morabito
First Selectman Michael Tetreau
Police Chief Gary MacNamara, Lieutenant Edward Weihe
Fire Chief Denis McCarthy
Board of Education Members
 - B. Discussion of Facilities, Finances and Programs
4. Adjournment

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MARCH 17 COMMUNITY MEETING

VISION OF A GRADUATE

Join school staff for a morning of dialogue and provide input to the new graduation requirements, which will affect *every* student in FPS. This meeting is for PK-12 families!

What should students know and be able to do?

What skills do our students need to be successful in the world after graduation?

How will new graduation requirements affect our children beginning with the class of 2023? (current 7th graders)

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**Fairfield Public
Schools**

**COMMUNITY
MEETING**

**GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS
ARE CHANGING!**

**Your Voice is
Important**

March 17, 2018

9:00-10:30 am

FLHS Cafeteria

785 Unquowa Road

**PARKING AVAILABLE
BEHIND THE BUILDING AND
ENTRY WILL BE ALLOWED
FROM THAT PARKING LOT.**

Question: Can MMI please share the underlying assumptions for the enrolment projections models?

The first five years of the projections models are based on known data, including existing FPS students and 2013 through 2017 births. Because the input data are known, we have greater confidence in the first five years of the projections and thus there is little variation between the three projections models. The last five years of the projections are driven by underlying demographic, economic, and housing assumptions as spelled out below. This is particularly true for the elementary school projections, which rely on projected births to project kindergarten enrollments for the 2023-24 through 2027-28 school years.

Optimistic Model (Maximum)

Unemployment rate – steady decline to 3.0%

Single-family home sales - grow to 800 per year

Births – grow to 668 per year in 2022

Persistency Ratios – 3-year weighted average (K-5; 9-12), and 3-year average (6-8)*

Medium Model (Best)

Unemployment rate – stable between 4.0% and 4.5%

Single-family home sales - average 650 per year

Births – grow slowly to 598 per year in 2022

Persistency Ratios – 3-year average (K-12)*

Pessimistic Model (Minimum)

Unemployment rate – steadily increases to 6.5%

Single-family home sales - decline to 500 per year

Births – remain stable at 514 per year by 2022

Persistency Ratios – 5-year average (K-5; 9-12), and 4-year average (6-8)*

* All projections models used a blend of Birth-to-K ratios depending on the size of the birth cohort. Larger birth years used smaller birth-to-K ratios than smaller birth years. This aligns with the historic trend for Fairfield Public Schools and other school districts in Fairfield County.

Question: The projections model that MMI developed in 2015-16 projected fewer students for the 2017-18 school year than the actual enrollment. Can MMI explain why the actual numbers are higher than those projected in 2015-16?

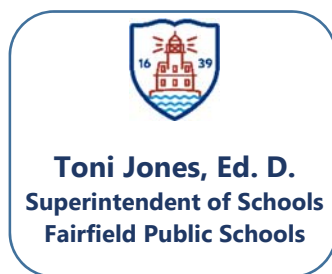
Answer:

Comparison of 2015-16 Projections to Actual Enrollment Over the Last Two School Years

Comparison	Births (5-year Prior)	Birth-to-K Ratio	Kindergarteners	Total K-5 Enrollment ¹
2016-17 Projected	505	1.214	613	4,360
2016-17 Actual	505	1.269	641	4,415
2016-17 Difference	-	0.055	28	55
2017-18 Projected	474	1.214	575	4,104
2017-18 Actual	474	1.331	631	4,235
2017-18 Difference	-	0.117	56	131

1. Excludes Pre-K Enrollment

Actual enrollments were higher because the birth-to-K ratio over the last two years was higher than projected. The 2016-17 and 2017-18 kindergarten classes corresponded with the two smallest birth cohorts in recent history (505 and 474 births, respectively). As has been the trend, smaller birth cohorts correspond to an increase in the birth-to-K ratio. The projections used a birth-to-K ratio of 1.214 which projected 613 kindergarteners in 2016-17 and 575 in 2017-18. The actual birth-to-K ratio was 1.269 in 2016-17 (641 actual kindergarteners) and 1.331 in 2017-18 (631 actual kindergarteners). In addition, in-migration in grades 1 through 5 was been slightly higher than projected over the last two years.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE for February 2018

Dear Families,

The year is moving swiftly and before we know it, spring will be here! My February update includes information on safety and security, large facilities projects, and exciting new programming.

Safety and Security

Given recent events, the February 28 BoE Town Hall will address school safety in addition to facilities, finances and programs. The meeting will begin with a security panel joining with the BoE including me, Police Chief Gary MacNamara and Fire Chief Denis McCarthy. We will be addressing past and present steps that Fairfield has taken to address school safety and security. First Selectman Michael Tetreau will act as moderator for the evening. An agenda will be posted prior to the meeting.

BoE Town Hall

Date: February 28, 2018

Location: RLMS Auditorium

Time: 7:30 pm

On March 14, 2018 there is a National School Walkout planned across the country to honor the 17 Florida victims who lost their lives and to speak out on school safety. FPS is taking a thoughtful and planned approach to the day.

Our high school leadership is working directly with our young people and law enforcement to allow participation while maintaining a safe environment. As many of you may be aware, there were walkouts yesterday in high schools across the country. Middle school leadership from all three schools are working together, and will assess the situation over the coming weeks. We are extremely mindful of the vastly different levels of maturity in grades 6-8. PK-5 should not be impacted by the day. We are cognizant that our youngest children may not have been exposed to the tragedy.

Facilities

Holland Hill is on track and families should begin seeing some evidence of construction very soon!

On February 13, 2018, the BOE approved the Educational Specifications for two of our building projects:

- The Mill Hill Renovation and Expansion Project. The \$1.5M dollars in this project request is for “seed” money to begin investigating the property, and was recently approved at the February 21 BOS meeting. It now moves on to the BOF and RTM for respective approvals.
- The Sherman Phase III Project. The primary focus of this project is the installation of air conditioning and a mechanical means of fresh air. The BOS plans to review this project at the March 7 BOS meeting.

Budget

On March 6th, the 2018-2019 Board of Education Proposed Budget will be presented to the joint Boards of Selectmen and Finance. The budget process spans several months and the final RTM vote does not occur until

May 7, 2018. The budget increase request is 3.1%, and that includes the increases in health care, transportation, salaries and fixed costs (such as utilities). For more information, visit the FPS [Budget](#) page.

Programs and What's New?

Fairfield should be extremely proud of our young people who are leading the way in discussing tolerance, acceptance, and understanding in our schools. A group of our FWHS students presented in San Diego last week at the Redesigning Student Success Secondary School Showcase sponsored by the Center for School Redesign, EdExcellence and NEASC. We are extremely proud that our staff and students were able to model their great program for the rest of the country. Also, both FLHS and FWHS are participating in a diversity conference being held at Southern Connecticut State University. The SCSU's Minority Initiative sponsors the conference, and both staff and students will be presenting.

Staff are preparing for the September 2018 implementation of Next Generation Science Standards. Next year, new and exciting science curriculum will be infused into our high schools. At the same time, a new STEAM program will begin at each elementary school. Middle school will finalize their new curriculum and prepare for implementation in 2019-2020. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the fastest growing occupations are in the "STEM related fields." It is essential that our schools continue to keep pace with the rapidly changing world of technology integration and prepare students for jobs of the future. To meet that challenge, we will equip our students with the necessary skills to be adaptive thinkers, competent collaborators, and innovative problem solvers.

Connecticut has released new high school graduation requirements that become effective with our current seventh graders (Class of 2023). This spring, the district is working to align our course offerings, requirements and opportunities to be presented to the Board of Education for approval. The community will be invited to provide input on Saturday, March 17th at 9:00 am. Please stay tuned for the location of the meeting, as the new requirements will impact every student currently in PK-7.

Student Achievement

Connecticut recently released the 2016-2017 Next Generation Accountability Results. We are extremely proud of our staff and students across the district who continue to perform at high levels. The reporting methodology is new for Connecticut, so the staff are working to understand the formula for calculating items such as Chronic Absenteeism and Arts Access. We always take the time to look at performance relative to our peers, and in comparison, Fairfield is standing strong. We remain a premier school district in Connecticut and across the country. However, we are most proud of the joyful learning environments, inquisitive classrooms, high quality work products, collaboration, and expansive opportunities our school system makes available to every student. We also have the best teachers, administrators, and support staff! If you would like more detailed information on performance, information is available on [EdSight](#).

As the winter season winds down, we are hopeful that the rest of February will be snow free. Thank you for sending us such wonderful young people who make our jobs delightful!



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