



Upcoming Meeting Dates

4/30/19 BOE Special Meeting/Town Hall Agenda – 7:30pm

4/30/19 Policy Committee Agenda

Policy Committee Minutes

- 4/2/2019
- 4/23/2019



Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates **2019**

April 30	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting 501 Kings Hwy East Superintendent's Conference Room
April 30	7:30 PM	Special Meeting/Town Hall 501 Kings Hwy East 2 nd Floor Board Conference Room
May 7	9:00 AM	Finance & Budget Committee 501 Kings Hwy East Superintendent's Conference Room
May 7	6:30 PM	Special Meeting/Leadership Profile (HYA) 501 Kings Hwy East 2 nd Floor Board Conference Room
May 7	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting 501 Kings Hwy East 2 nd Floor Board Conference Room
May 14	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting 501 Kings Hwy East Superintendent's Conference Room

*Town Budget Meetings:
RTM Budget Vote: May 6, 8:00pm*

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda
Town Hall Meeting
501 Kings Highway East, Board Conference Room
April 30, 2019
7:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion of Facilities, Finances and Programs
Moderated by Selectman Ed Bateson
4. Adjournment

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Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
5:00 PM
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent's Conference Room

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of April 2, 2019 and April 23, 2019 minutes
- III. Policy
 - a. Board of Education Handbook
 - b. Homework
- IV. Future Items
 - a. Students with Special Health Care Needs
 - b. Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs
- V. Open Discussion/Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

Future Meetings: May 14, June 4, June 18, August 26, September 3, September 17, October 1, October 15, November 26, December 3

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2019
5:00 PM
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent's Conference Room

Minutes

- Meeting called to order 5:03 PM
 - Present were Jeff Peterson and Jennifer Jacobson
 - Policy Committee member Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly joined the meeting at 5:30 PM

- March 19, 2019 minutes approved 2-0

- Policy
 - Board of Education Handbook
 - Continuation of discussion and edits to the Board of Education handbook.

- Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**Special Policy Committee
Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2019
5:00 PM
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent's Conference Room**

Minutes

- Meeting called to order 5:03 PM
 - Present were Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly, Jeff Peterson, Jennifer Jacobson, Greg Hatzis, David Ebling, Mike Cummings, Kristen Tozzo, 3 members of the public

- Policy
 - Homework Policy
 - The committee, Headmasters, and Chief Academic Officer discussed the tentative Homework Policy proposals.
 - Vacations: There may be some issues with no homework for AP classes around April break due to the testing schedule, so there will probably need to be some exceptions and will need more input.
 - Notification: Clarity of language will be important when defining “posted” and “modified.” “School day” will be changed to “the day of class.” All are in agreement that there should be no surprises over the weekend or in the evenings, as well as expecting teachers to explain, provide directions, how the work will be counted, due date and opportunity for clarification on the assignment in class. Three main ideas for this subgroup will be: Assigning, Modifying, and Access to Materials.
 - Grade Impact: There is concern over “formative assessment” and that it might be counterproductive if it’s graded. Discussed “What is the point of a grade?” A big issue is teacher consistency and that the expectation is the same across both high schools and at WFC. Future policy wording regarding this should not be prescriptive due to forthcoming graduation requirements. The definition of homework should be clear—what are we asking students to do? Mr. Hatzis has a lot of concern that there is too much focus on the grade and not on the learning. The formative impact on GPA percentages will change from original Policy Committee proposal.

- Public Comment
 - Anne Marie Harper, Parent: Without homework “counting”, students do not see the connection between practice and performance. There needs to be some accountability.
 - Sandra Tomlin, Parent: Homework is an expectation in her Physics class because

when the students do the homework they do better on the tests. Many of her students rely on their homework grade to help bring up their final grade if they don't do well on the tests.

- Maria V, Parent: Supports homework being counted. Students need a system in place to build expected behaviors.

- Meeting adjourned 6:51 PM