



Upcoming Meeting Dates

Racial Imbalance Information, 10/28/2016



Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

Nov 7	4:30 PM	Policy Committee 501 Kings Hwy East Superintendent's Conference Room
Nov 15	7:00 PM <i>Immediately following Organizational</i>	Organizational Meeting Regular Meeting 501 Kings Hwy East 2 nd Floor Board Conference Room
Dec 5	4:30 PM	Policy Committee 501 Kings Hwy East Superintendent's Conference Room
Dec 13	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting 501 Kings Hwy East 2 nd Floor Board Conference Room

Responses to Board of Education Questions Regarding the Proposed Racial Imbalance Plan

1. What was the absolute imbalance in terms of numbers of pupils in 2015-16?

Twenty.

In 2015-16, McKinley School enrolled 426 students. Of those students, 204 (or 47.9%) were minority students. If twenty fewer minority students had been enrolled in the school that year, the School's enrollment would have been 406, 184 (or 45.3%) of whom would have been minority students. At 45.3%, McKinley School would have fallen just below the racial imbalance threshold of 45.7% (the district average of 20.7% plus 25.0%).

2. Provide financial information.

See Attachment 1 (Revenue and Cost Estimates).

3. What are our current expenses for Pre-School?

See Attachment 2 (Pre-K Program Revenue and Costs 2015-16).

4. Will there be new feeder patterns with the new, expanded Pre-School Program?

No. Since the Stratfield, Burr and McKinley Schools all feed into Tomlinson Middle School, feeder patterns will not be impacted by McKinley students opting to attend Burr or Stratfield as a result of having attended Pre-School in those schools.

5. Where are Open Choice students enrolled this year?

See Attachment 3 (October 1, 2016 Enrollment – including Open Choice students).

6. What is the reimbursement arrangement for Open Choice students who require special education and related services? For how much has Bridgeport reimbursed us?

The Fairfield Public Schools bill the Bridgeport Public Schools for the cost of any extra special education services that we need to purchase in order to meet the requirements of student Individual Education Plans, beyond Fairfield's average per pupil expenditure rate (approximately \$15,000 last year) and the \$3,000 that the district receives for each Open Choice student. We do not bill for services that can be provided by special education staff members already in our employ.

Under the above arrangement, Fairfield billed Bridgeport \$60,901 for the 2014-15 school year (for two children) and \$51,842 for the 2015-16 school year (for two children). Both of these invoices were paid in full.

7. Have we incurred any litigation expenses related to the Open Choice Program?

None that I have been able to identify.

8. Will there be cost savings in moving the Pre-School program from Dwight School to Stratfield School?

I do not anticipate any significant savings, and none are incorporated into the proposed Plan. Transportation expenses are billed by the vehicle, not by the mile. Thus the fact that Stratfield School is closer to McKinley School will not result in a savings.

NOTE: Responses to additional questions will be forthcoming early next week.

10/28/16



Racial Imbalance Plan
2016 Proposed Amendments

Revenue and Cost Estimates

Additional costs and additional revenue related to the implementation of the proposed amendment to the district’s Racial Imbalance Plan are as follows:

Expansion of the Pre-School Program

2017-18:

Additional Pre-School Expenses:

Establishment of new PK program at Stratfield School, along with reduction of Dwight School program to half day:

Additional annual Costs: \$ 105,560

- Staffing (½ Teacher, ½ paraprofessional – Salary & benefits): \$ 59,760
- Transportation (1 additional bus): \$ 45,800

Additional One-time Costs: \$ 40,500

- New Playground at Stratfield: \$ 20,000
- Technology: \$ 11,500
- Furniture \$ 9,000

Additional Pre School Revenue: \$ 54,375

Assuming 1/3 of students pay full tuition, 1/6 pay half tuition and half pay no tuition. Amounts reflect plan to increase tuition to \$4,250 in 2017-18 and by 3% each year thereafter. Figures for continuing students are for tuition increase only.

- Full tuition (6 new @ \$4,250) = \$ 25,500
- Partial tuition (3 new @ \$2,125) = \$ 6,375
- Free tuition (9 new @ \$0) = \$ 0

- Full tuition (24 continuing @ \$750) = \$ 18,000
- Partial tuition (12 continuing @ \$375) = \$ 4,500
- Free tuition (36 continuing @ \$0) = \$ 0

Expansion of the Pre-School Program (cont.)

2018-19:

Additional Pre-School Expenses:

Establishment of a second PK program at Burr or Stratfield, along with the elimination of the half-day Dwight School program:

Additional Annual Costs: \$ 109,500

- Staffing (½ Teacher, ½ paraprofessional – Salary & benefits): \$ 61,500
- Transportation: \$ 48,000

Additional One-time Costs: \$ 11,500

- Technology (possibly, depending on classroom): \$ 11,500

Additional Pre-School Revenue: \$ 37,635

Assuming 1/3 of students pay full tuition, 1/6 pay half tuition and half pay no tuition. Amounts reflect plan to increase tuition to \$4,250 in 2017-18 and by 3% each year thereafter. Figures for continuing students are for tuition increase only.

- Full tuition (6 new @ \$4,378) = \$ 26,268
- Partial tuition (3 new @ \$2,189) = \$ 6,567
- Free tuition (9 new @ \$0) = \$ 0
- Full tuition (30 continuing @ \$128) = \$ 3,840
- Partial tuition (15 continuing @ \$64) = \$ 960
- Free tuition (45 continuing @ \$0) = \$ 0

Expansion of Open Choice Program

2017-18:

Additional Open Choice Expenses:

Open Choice students are accepted into schools and grade levels such that their addition does not require the establishment of additional classroom sections. Thus, with respect to the regular education program, we do not anticipate significant dollar costs related to the expansion of Open Choice. Of course, there would be small “costs” in terms of staff time and attention, supplies and books, given that there would be a small increase in the enrollment of the schools that serve Open Choice students.

Additional Open Choice Revenue:

2017-18:

- 14 additional students @ \$3,000 = \$ 42,000

2018-19:

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Fairfield Public Schools
Pre K Program Revenue and Costs
2015-2016

Description	2016 Actual
TCHR SAL-PRESCHL-DWIGHT	\$ 108,187
TCHR SAL-PRESCHL-BURR	\$ 83,420
PARA SAL - PRESCHL - DWIGHT	\$ 23,448
PARA SAL - PRESCHL - BURR	\$ 16,841
PRESCHOOL SUPPLIES-DWIGHT	\$ 3,180
PRESCHOOL SUPPLIES-BURR	\$ 4,534
	\$ 239,609
TRANSPORTATION COSTS	\$ 133,186
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$ 372,795
PK REVENUE	\$ 143,344
NET PROFIT / (COST)	\$ (229,451)

Open Choice Seats, September 30, 2016 (in red)

School	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
ECC	115							115
Burr	30	62	59	57	71	68	66	413
Dwight	23	44	51 (6)	49 (2)	54 (2)	52	64 (3)	337 (13)
Holland Hill		51	66	70	62	73	82	404
Jennings		43	46 (1)	52 (3)	59 (2)	41	76	317 (6)
McKinley		87	56	75	79	71	81	449
Mill Hill		53	57 (7)	66 (2)	56 (3)	62 (2)	90 (1)	384 (15)
N Stratfield		51 (3)	49	71	71	66	89 (1)	397 (4)
Osborn Hill		58	62	66	85	84 (3)	90 (4)	445 (7)
Riverfield		63	74	65	71	68	84	425
Sherman		73	86	64	93	79	89	484
Stratfield		61 (3)	69 (3)	70	71	73	75	419 (6)
Total	168	646 (6)	675 (17)	705 (7)	772 (7)	737 (5)	886(9)	4589 (51)

School	6	7	8	Total
Fairfield Woods	305 (4)	291 (1)	298 (2)	894 (7)
Roger Ludlowe	243 (1)	277 (1)	253 (1)	773 (3)
Tomlinson	228	202	254	684
Total	776 (5)	770 (2)	805 (3)	2351 (10)

School	9	10	11	12	Total
FLHS	379	373 (3)	397 (1)	372 (2)	1521 (6)
FWHS	357	400 (3)	382	384 (2)	1523 (5)
Total	736	773 (6)	779 (1)	756 (4)	3044 (11)

District Total: 72