

Upcoming Meeting Dates

FPS: AP Honor Roll Press Release, November 2014

FLHS 10/29/2014 BC Draft Minutes





# **UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

November 17

4:15 PM - Board of Education Meeting

Policy Committee

501 Kings Highway East

Superintendent's Conference Room

November 25

7:30 PM - Board of Education Meeting

Regular Meeting

501 Kings Highway East 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Conference Room

December 1

4:15 PM - Board of Education Meeting

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7:30 PM - Board of Education Meeting

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For Immediate Release: November 14, 2014

# Fairfield Public Schools Placed on the College Board's Annual AP® District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success

For the second consecutive year, Fairfield Public Schools is one of 547 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the Annual AP® District Honor Roll for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Reaching these goals indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for the opportunity of AP. Since 2012, Fairfield Public Schools has increased the number of students participating in AP while improving the number of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David Title, stated, "I am pleased that the Fairfield Public Schools has earned this distinction two years in a row. We offer a rigorous curriculum from K through 12 and our students continue to achieve at high levels. This recognition reflects on the entire school system, not just the high schools."

Data from 2014 show that among African American, Hispanic, and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half of students are participating. The first step to delivering the opportunity of AP to students is providing access by ensuring courses are available, that gatekeeping stops, and that the doors are equitably opened so these students can participate. Fairfield Public Schools is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

"The devoted teachers and administrators in this district are delivering an undeniable benefit to their students: opportunity. When coupled with a student's hard work, such opportunities can have myriad outcomes, whether building confidence, learning to craft effective arguments, earning credit for

college, or persisting to graduate from college on time." said Trevor Packer, the College Board's Senior Vice President of AP and Instruction. "We applied your conviction that a more diverse population of students is ready for the sort of rigor that will prepare them for success in college."

Inclusion on the 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2012 to 2014, looking across 34 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

### Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students; and
- Improve performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2014 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2012, *unless* the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

## FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 29th 7:30 p.m. Fairfield Ludlowe High School, Lecture Hall 785 Unquowa Rd. Fairfield, CT 06824

# DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Marc Donald, Chair; Robert Sickeler; Secretary; Marc Andre, David Weber, Terri Leopold, Donna Ertel (left 7:37; arrived 7:55pm)

Others Present: Sal Morabito, BOE; Judy Ewing; Peter Manning (Gilbane); Michael Dell'Accio (Arcadis), Tom Beebe (Arcadis) Greg Hatzis, FLHS Headmaster (arrived 8:05); Jessica Gerber, BOE;

Member Absent: Joseph Pagnozzi

I. Call to Order

Mr. Donald called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. Budget discussion regarding the methodology of abatement and potential for cost savings pending approval. The escalation in windows pricing is due to design detail.
- IV. Discussion of schedule regarding bids and approvals. Roof bids have been extended to 11/10 per request by vendors. Phase II, classroom and cafeteria additions, bids due 11/20. Phase III bidding dates pending EPA approval or EPA's approval for local review. Pending contract signings, construction can begin during Christmas break. The goal is to have additions and cafeteria complete in time for school opening August 2015.
- IV. Discussion of Windows Remediation and Replacement plan.

Motion: Approve Plans for Windows Remediation and Replacement for Phase 3 by Terri Leopold; Second, Robert Sickeler;

Motion passed 5:0 (Ms. Ertel not present for vote.)

V. Budget and contracting update discussion. Discussion ensued regarding the inability to award a contract if project is over budget. Requests for change in Educational Specifications discussed. By making request to make changes based on funding availability allows project to maintain timeline and contracts to be awarded based on bid dates for Phases I and II and the uncertainty of timeline of EPA approval for Phase III.

Motion: Authorize the Chairman to seek change in Educational Specifications from Fairfield Board of Education to maintain project timeline by Terri Leopold, second Donna Ertel. Motion passed 6:0

VII. Discussion of dates for Chairman's presentation to Town Boards.

Motion: Authorize Chairman to present to Town Boards plan for maintaining project timeline by Marc Andre, second David Weber; Motion passed 6:0

Motion passed 6:0.

Motion: AdjournTerri Leopold; Second, David Weber; Motion Passed 6:0

VIII. Old Business. Mr. Hatzis discussed egress and parking conditions and need to maintain adequate number of parking spaces.

IX. Adjourn:

Motion: Adjourn by Terri Leopold; Second, David Weber; Motion Passed 6:0