



Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda
Roger Ludlowe Middle School Auditorium

May 21, 2019

Student Recognition Awards 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting (immediately following, approximately 7:30)

1. Call to Order of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Student Reports
 - Fairfield Ludlowe High School: Ms. Coolidge, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Holtz
 - Fairfield Warde High School: Mr. Rivera, Ms. Solari
4. Public Comment*
5. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Superintendent's Recommended 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments
Recommended Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent Recommended Budget Adjustments for 2019-2020 as enclosed"
(Enclosure No. 1)
6. New Business
 - A. First Reading of ECC Site for 2020
 - B. First Reading of Charge to Milone and MacBroom
(Enclosure No. 2)
7. Approval of Minutes
Recommended Motion: "that the Board of Education approve the following minutes:
 - April 9, 2019 Special BOE Meeting
 - April 9, 2019 Regular BOE Meeting
 - April 23, 2019 Special BOE Meeting
 - April 30, 2019 Special BOE Meeting
 - May 7, 2019 Regular BOE Meeting"*(Enclosure Nos. 3,4,5)*
8. Superintendent's Report
9. Committee/Liaison Reports
10. Open Board Comment
11. Public Comment*
12. Adjournment
Recommended Motion: "that this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn"

**During this period the Board will accept public comment on items pertaining to this meeting's agenda from any citizen present at the meeting (per BOE By-Law, Article V, Section 6). Those wishing to videotape or take photographs must abide by CGS §1-226.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting	7:30 PM	501 Kings Hwy East 2 nd Floor Board Conference Room
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Fairfield Public Schools - 2019-2020 Budget Adjustment Considerations

Enclosure No. 1
May 21, 2019

BOE Meeting - May 21, 2019

2019-2020 BOE Budget Request: \$182,372,957

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Description	5/7/19 Proposed Adjustments	5/7/19 SubTotal	BOE Adjustment Proposal #1	BOE Proposal #1 Sub Total	BOE Adjustment Proposal #2	BOE Proposal #2 Sub Total	Executive Team Proposed Adjustments	Executive Team SubTotal	Alternate Adjustments	Alternate SubTotal	
TIER 1	20% Allocation Reduction	\$ 182,372,957	No Allocation Reduction	\$ 182,372,957	1% Allocation Reduction	\$ 182,372,957	15% Allocation Reduction	\$ 182,372,957	7.5% Allocation Reduction	\$ 182,372,957	
1	2.8 FTE's - HS	\$ 258,023	\$ 258,023	\$ 258,023	\$ 258,023	\$ 258,023	\$ 258,023	\$ 258,023	\$ 258,023	\$ 258,023	
2	0.2 FTE's Music - ECC @ FWHS	\$ 10,357	\$ 10,357	\$ 10,357	\$ 10,357	\$ 10,357	\$ 10,357	\$ 10,357	\$ 10,357	\$ 10,357	
3	Para Salary Adjustment	\$ 118,883	\$ 118,883	\$ 118,883	\$ 118,883	\$ 118,883	\$ 118,883	\$ 118,883	\$ 118,883	\$ 118,883	
4	Insurance Adjustment (Actual Rate Higher)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	
5	Electricity	\$ 50,000	\$ 687,263	\$ 50,000	\$ 687,263	\$ 50,000	\$ 687,263	\$ -	\$ 637,263	\$ -	\$ 637,263
6	Pension (H&H Updated Contribution)	\$ (119,670)	\$ (119,670)	\$ (119,670)	\$ (119,670)	\$ (119,670)	\$ (119,670)	\$ (119,670)	\$ (119,670)	\$ (119,670)	
7	Elementary Touch Screens	\$ (103,620)	\$ (103,620)	\$ (103,620)	\$ (103,620)	\$ (103,620)	\$ (103,620)	\$ (103,620)	\$ (103,620)	\$ (103,620)	
8	Mindplay Software	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	
9	ELL Blended Learning Software	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	
10	World Language K-2 Software	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	
11	School Allocation Reduction	\$ (483,973)	\$ -	(note elimination)	\$ (24,106)	\$ (362,980)	\$ (362,980)	\$ (180,112)	\$ (180,112)	\$ (180,112)	
12	PD/Curr Writing/Materials	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	
13	Pupil Services Testing Materials	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	
14	Maint. Snow Removal	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	
15	Maint. Tech Consultant (A/C)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
16	Maint. Lift	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	
17	Telephone Costs (New System)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (65,000)	
18	Legal Fees	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	
19	Medicaid Revenue	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	
20	Fire Protection (New Contract)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	
21	Sped Summer School Transportation	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	
22	High School Capital (\$10k ea. HS)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	\$ (20,000)	
23	HS Add 'l Parking Revenue (\$15k ea.)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	
24	Elementary Wireless Project		\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ -	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	
25	6th Grade Chromebooks		\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ -	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	
26	Math Academy		\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ -	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	
27	2 Sheds - Athletics (\$5k ea. HS)		\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	
28	Facility Expense - WFC (new addition)		\$ (5,000)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (5,000)	
29	Major Maint. Project- WFC (new addition)		\$ (74,106)	\$ (74,106)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (105,993)	\$ (105,993)	\$ (99,500)	\$ (99,500)	\$ (99,500)	
			\$ (1,387,263)	\$ (1,387,263)	\$ (1,387,263)	\$ (1,387,263)	\$ (1,337,263)	\$ (1,337,263)	\$ (1,337,263)	\$ (1,337,263)	
30	TOTAL TIER 1		\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	
31	RTM BUDGET REDUCTION- MAY 6, 2019		\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	\$ (700,000)	
32	2019-2020 BOE BUDGET APPROPRIATION		\$ 181,672,957	\$ 181,672,957	\$ 181,672,957	\$ 181,672,957	\$ 181,672,957	\$ 181,672,957	\$ 181,672,957	\$ 181,672,957	
TIER 2											
33	Math Academy	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	\$ (9,500)	
34	Elementary Wireless Project	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	\$ (189,361)	
35	2 Sheds - Athletics (\$5k ea. HS)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	
36	TOTAL TIER 2		\$ (208,861)	\$ (208,861)	\$ (208,861)	\$ (208,861)	\$ (208,861)	\$ (198,861)	\$ (198,861)	\$ (198,861)	
OTHER SUGGESTIONS (NOT RECOMMENDED)											
37	6th Grade Chromebooks	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	\$ (206,006)	
38	STEAM K-2 Program K-2 *	\$ (174,468)	\$ (174,468)	\$ (174,468)	\$ (174,468)	\$ (174,468)	\$ (174,468)	\$ (174,468)	\$ (174,468)	\$ (174,468)	
39	TOTAL BOARD & COMMUNITY Suggestions		\$ (380,474)	\$ (380,474)	\$ (380,474)	\$ (380,474)	\$ (380,474)	\$ (380,474)	\$ (380,474)	\$ (380,474)	

* Additional FTE's needed to resolve plan time grievance



Fairfield Board of Education
May 21, 2019

Working First Draft

Charge to Milone and MacBroom

The Fairfield Board of Education will retain Milone and MacBroom to assist in identifying: *“The desired comprehensive redistricting model to be utilized to resolve overcrowding and racial imbalance.”*

Milone and MacBroom should:

1. Target **90%** operational utilization rate for elementary schools, and **85%** utilization at secondary schools. Specialized programming and deficiencies of existing facilities should be considered,
2. Consider impact of ECC location at ____ and _____;
3. Plan to implement for the 2022-2023 school year.

Existing Redistricting Guiding Principles and Facilities Planning Principles should be considered and aspired to in developing redistricting models. Proximity and safety should remain a priority.

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**Special Meeting Notes
Fairfield BoE; April 23, 2019**

Call to order of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll Call

Chairman Christine Vitale called the Special meeting to order at 7:06PM. Present were members Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Leeper, Phil Dwyer, Jessica Gerber, Jennifer Jacobsen, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly, and Jeff Peterson. Nick Aysseh arrived at 7:17PM.

Board Self-Evaluation

Mr. Dwyer moved/Ms. Leeper seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education hereby moves into Executive Session in accordance with CGS 1-200(6A) to discuss the Board's self-evaluation" Motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Aysseh was not present for this vote)

The Board came out of executive session at 8:50PM

Adjournment

Ms. Pytko moved/Ms. Leeper seconded to adjourn the Special Meeting. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

**DRAFT Town Hall Minutes
Fairfield BoE; April 30, 2019**

Call to order of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll Call

Chairman Christine Vitale called the Regular meeting to order at 7:30PM. Present were members Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Leeper, Phillip Dwyer, Jessica Gerber, Christine Vitale, Nick Aysseh, Jennifer Jacobsen, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly, and Jeff Peterson. Others present were BoS member Ed Bateson and approximately 50 members of the public.

Mrs. Vitale welcomed Mr. Bateson and the members of the public.

Mr. Bateson encouraged people to come forward and speak.

Jerriann Mitchell, ECC

Asked the BoE to consider the option of keeping the ECC in one place moving forward and repurposing an elementary school for the ECC. Asked about plan to accommodate growth moving forward. Mentioned concerns about ECC sites in elementary schools regarding safety, distances between classrooms etc. Westport is a great model. Goal is to maximize student learning, asks to be included in the decision-making process. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly specified that "short-term" for the ECC to her means 1-2 years, not 5-10. She welcomes the ECC staff's continued advocacy. Mr. Dwyer said that regarding the practical issues mentioned – it takes quite a long time to see a building project to fruition. If we are trying to find a single facility for the ECC that will not happen in the short-term. The two-facility option is where the Board is for now. Closing a school to repurpose it for an ECC would potentially pit one group of parents against another. Mrs. Vitale said there are no plans for a committee moving forward. The Board wants to look at the facilities before they decide anything. Not sure if ECC will stay at Warde. Mrs. Jacobsen asked if there was a preference between two sites in elementary schools versus one site at ECC/Warde and one at an elementary school. Ms. Mitchell said that the ECC-Warde site is ideal because it is self-contained. A separate site in a wing of an elementary school would be good. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that the Board has gotten input from staff.

Frank Sahagian, 20 Chelsea Street

Commented on guiding principles for redistricting, said a lot needs to be done before Milone & MacBroom is consulted. Said that Board members appeared to support comprehensive redistricting. Asked about parameters regarding the feeder plan. Is the Board prepared to redraw elementary boundaries. What about guidelines used for the feeder plans. Spoke to perception of high schools being different, said it's divisive. Mr. Peterson said that he hopes for public input, and plans to have all discussion in public. He has been most vocal about wanting a comprehensive redistricting, went through it himself growing up in Fairfield. He thinks that due to demographics this is something we cannot sidestep. Will recall his personal experiences when redistricting takes place. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that the guiding principles have not been changed, only discussions about changing have happened. Ms. Pytko asked the people to weigh in. The Board will vote on the guiding principles before they are given to the consultants. Mrs. Vitale said that the guiding principles came out of prior discussions about elementary school redistricting. Mr. Aysseh said that the Board had

discussed concerns about “handcuffing” the consultants when they are formulating redistricting plans. They want the consultants to have leeway to come up with multiple scenarios. Board has to do their due diligence. Mrs. Jacobsen said that the Board adopted the goal to address multiple facilities issues. Redistricting is one of them. The principles will be voted on in public. Mr. Sahagian asked about the Board timeline. Mrs. Vitale said the Board goal is to have guidance provided for Milone & MacBroom by June, although the Board may decide they are not ready at that time. More public feedback is needed, more Board discussion is needed. Mr. Dwyer said that the Board has not voted on anything yet. For him, providing for 90% occupancy in elementary school is important. His belief is that “everything is on the table” in terms of redistricting. Hopes that the Board looks at the feeder plan for MS and HS.

Gina Hallock, 6 Sommerville Street, works at ECC

Thanked the Board. Understands the ECC situation is untenable. ECC families need the utmost care. Knows the Board will do the right thing.

Larry Kaley, 1162 Jennings Road

Wanted to address the solar carports. CT air pollution is the worst in the eastern US. Fairfield County has problems with ozone. This is a guiding principle to him. Spoke to concerns regarding climate change. The carports will help address these concerns, they will make a positive difference and save money. Wants to reduce the carbon footprint and make a difference.

Matt Ogurick, South Benson Road

Re: the redistricting guiding principles. For his family, walking to school is important. His family moved to Sherman to be able to walk to school. Walkers should remain walkers – that should be prioritized. All principles should be prioritized, especially regarding walking to school. There is anxiety in his neighborhood. All walking neighborhoods should remain so. Referenced “Walking Wednesdays” at Sherman School. Mrs. Vitale said that walking being removed from the discussion came out of concerns that walkers were driving and not walking. But she thinks that, for elementary school, walkers should remain walkers. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that at Sherman there were concerns about cars coming to school every day, which drove the discussion about not considering walkers. She also was considering walkers in MS and/or HS who could walk to not one but two schools. Doesn’t think busing walkers is written in stone. The “draft” of the planning principles changes has not been voted on by the Board. There is more nuance to the discussion than perhaps people understand.

Rabab Hussain Syed Judd Street

Appealed to keeping the ECC in one location. It was an invaluable program for her family. She also supported the solar projects being presented to the Board. There is an opportunity to educate students and provide savings. Mr. Peterson said that he is a fan of solar power but he is concerned about the proposed projects at Burr and Stratfield. He is open to hearing options and finds the savings compelling. Regarding the ECC – it is a treasure, and the staff feedback has been remarkable. The one challenge he has found is educating the public as to what the ECC is. Encouraged people to speak up.

Jim Curley, 185 Springer Road

Spoke to minimizing impact of redistricting. Will the Board examine the social and academic performance impact of redistricting. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that no one is looking at redistricting as being "convenient." The only discussion the Board has had regarding consultants is related to developing plans. Ms. Pytko said that she had not wanted to talk about redistricting but she has seen so many facilities issues and inequity between schools that she feels the Board must look into redistricting. She is concerned about equity in services and facilities. Impact on academic performance should be primary concerns. Mrs. Jacobsen spoke to the previously developed planning principles and their impact on social and emotional concerns. The district does have many experts who can help with this discussion.

Heather Dubrosky, Holland Hill

Holland Hill parent, went to Oldfield School and was redistricted to Sherman. The Fairfield she grew up in is not the Fairfield she lives in now, there have been many changes. Fairfield continues to develop and change. Look at projections of future developments and 8-30g. Holland Hill is an early start school, which impacts working parents. The new addition is wonderful but she believes that HH has only gained two classrooms. Concerned about addition of ECC to HH. Mrs. Jacobsen mentioned her concerns about planning and zoning in town. Fairfield has pulled more construction permits in the past year than it has since the early 90s. Ms. Dubrosky said that no one could have anticipated the subdivision on High Street taking place. Ms. Pytko said that Milone & MacBroom needs to consider 8-30g housing development in any redistricting plan.

Shaun McCormick, 193 South Benson Road

Chose his home because of neighborhood feel and desire to walk to school. Hopes the Board keeps residents' concerns in mind

Theresa Miguel-Stearns 79 Oyster Road

Safety concerns are a reason why some people don't walk to school when they can. She walks to the train station and has had near misses. Biking should be a priority but there are no bike lanes in the beach area. Infrastructure should be improved. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly recommended contacting RTM members regarding infrastructure. Ms. Miguel-Stearns said that there could be other reasons why parents don't walk to school; the Board should look into this. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said it is not up to her to dictate what parents do, but her comments about busing walkers happened within the context of the Sherman building project. Ms. Miguel-Stearns recommended doing a survey. Mrs. Vitale said that there have been discussions coming out of this. Mr. Dwyer said that there has also been a district-wide trend of parents driving students who should be taking a bus.

Jackie Bardenwenger, 35 South Benson Commons

Concerned about redistricting planning principles. Her family wants to remain walkers. Spoke to the importance of neighborhood schools. To move families from a community they chose to live in isn't right. The sense of community is important in Fairfield. Walking to school with her kindergartener is a special time.

Megan Dockam 633 Riverside Drive

Understands the difficulty of the Board's job. Moved to the beach to be walkers to Sherman, doesn't want her children to be on a bus for 30 minutes instead of walking for 10 minutes. Neighborhoods should be kept intact, feeder plans should be as well.

Melanie Ross, 796 Riverside Drive

Sherman parent. Moved from NYC, were walkers there and wanted to be walkers here. Walking to school is a tremendous benefit to her family. There is great infrastructure for walking to school; many families in her neighborhood walk. The community is special. People do look at the value being walkers to middle school and high school as well. Don't put walkers on a bus.

Tina Brown, 340 Merwins Lane

Math teacher at FLHS. Concerns about freshman math class and the fact that only Algebra 1 is offered. She has brought this up before. Students are having problems and something needs to be done. There is a disservice being done to these students. Board needs to go to the administration and ask for change. Mrs. Vitale said she will take this message to the superintendent

Wendy Lien, 429 Riverside Drive

Bought her house because of walkability and community. Has a 5th grader and sophomore, not sure about status of grandfathering. Concerned about social and emotional impact of redistricting. Walkers should be walkers but it's more than that – communities need to stay together. Students walk from HS and MS as well – these were considerations when she bought her house. Mrs. Gerber said that re: grandfathering – the Board can't commit until after there are plans before them. MS grandfathering in 2011 cost the district over \$1 million. Board will need to weigh the impact of not grandfathering with the impact of grandfathering and the associated costs that come with it. Mr. Dwyer said that redistricting won't take place in the immediate future. The size of Mill Hill's expansion will play a role in any redistricting plan. Nothing will happen right away.

Mrs. Vitale said that she believed the Board has heard the concerns of the Sherman community walkers who want to stay there and/or want to remain walkers. In the essence of time she said that the Board understands parents' concerns.

Suzanne Miska, 123 Ryegate Road

In June the Board usually votes on the Superintendent's contract; this past year it did not. She attended the search firm's focus group meeting and was surprised to hear that the Board wasn't asked about Superintendent criteria as a group. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that the agenda doesn't cover personnel issues, Mr. Bateson agreed. Mrs. Vitale said that when the superintendent leadership profile is presented to the BoE on May 7 there will be public comment.

Scott Weisberg 260 Springer Road

New to Fairfield, has redistricting questions, chose neighborhood very carefully. Went

through redistricting. Has question regarding 2016 Milone & MacBroom documents – is this leading the discussion now? Mrs. Vitale said the Board is looking at ECC, WFC and facilities utilization, asking for public input. The plans from earlier on are not the plans the Board will be reviewing, although some may be similar. Sherman is crowded, so you could look to Mill Hill to redistrict, and then Dwight would be impacted and then Burr. Mr. Weisberg asked about the impetus for redistricting. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that regarding racial imbalance – the Board has been grappling with this issue for years but they haven't redistricted. There are other issues regarding space utilization which are driving this discussion. Mr. Aysseh said that his concerns are related to facility utilization. Explained that Holland Hill and Mill Hill projects weren't driven by Milone & MacBroom; they were already part of the district's long-range facilities plan. We need to look at how we are using the space we have added throughout the district. Mr. Weisberg said he thinks it will be hard to solve the racial imbalance issue in Fairfield. Asked about adding portable space. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly referenced the prior Board's goal to get rid of all portable school spaces. Mrs. Gerber said that portables created a problem for core facilities in schools. Ms. Pytko said there will be different variables factoring into future redistricting plans. Board is looking to make decisions that will last a long time. Mr. Dwyer said that the Board's facilities plans tie into the long-range plans of the town. Mr. Weisberg mentioned the possibility of fundraising to help with facilities issues.

Reini Knorr, 83 Alberta Street

Parent of four current or past HS students. Thanked the Board for their hard work. Pointed out that everyone present is trying to do the best for the students of Fairfield. People should try to avoid different groups pitted against one another. Cohesiveness in a community is important. Thanked Board for support of Fairfield Cares, and spoke to the work of Fairfield Cares. Also supports solar projects.

Will Reagan 132 Charles Street

Asked about transparency of redistricting process, wanted to see a review of redistricting plans. Mrs. Gerber said that there aren't any plans to post yet but past plans and other info on the topic are available on the FPS website. Mr. Reagan said that he hoped for more transparency in understanding the process. Mrs. Gerber said that following Board meetings and minutes and FairTV was helpful. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that as things come up they will be added to the website. Each PTA has a BoE rep who they can and should use for updates. Mr. Aysseh recommended looking at the minutes and recordings to get up to speed. Mr. Dwyer said that the FPS website is a wealth of information. Looking at the BoE Friday packet that is posted every week might be helpful. A summary document wouldn't be brief.

Peggy Macaluso, 322 Riverside Drive

Spoke to her family's experience with Fairfield school facilities and Easton school facilities. Urged the Board to make a concrete decision. In Easton they chose to make an elementary school larger to avoid redistricting. People don't like being redistricted. Programming at schools could change if students are moved around. Cutting classrooms from a project can negatively impact the whole district. Primary goal should be classroom space. Mr. Peterson said that he appreciated the Easton perspective. Concerned about equity between schools. He has heard for years that Fairfield should have stayed with one high school but he

feels that our town's lack of space makes that impossible. Fairfield is deeply developed. Available space is a constraint. Ms. Leeper said that the reason that the Board has advocated for a 504 at Mill Hill is to give the whole district space that will be helpful in the long run.

Marney White, 29 Shoreham Village Drive

Referenced an email she sent to the Board earlier. Advocated the need for an educational consultant to work on any future redistricting plans. Asked about research regarding educational and psychosocial outcomes of redistricting; everything she has found points to negative effects. As an educator and clinical psychologist this concerns her. Mrs. Vitale said there has not been Board discussion about hiring someone from the outside to focus on those issues because the district has many professionals who can be consulted. Before during and after the last redistricting parents and PTAs worked very hard to help with the transition. All schools in Fairfield are wonderful. Ms. White referenced epidemic of mental health problems for students. Mrs. Vitale said that efforts will be made for students to have support. Ms. Pytko spoke to staff helping students transitioning from ES to MS and MS to HS – similar efforts would happen in any redistricting transitions. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that the PTAs can play a vital role in any redistricting for both students and parents. Mrs. Jacobsen said that the Board still hasn't decided on scope and depth of redistricting, and that these topics would be part of the discussions. Trying to think holistically about all levels impacted.

Mary Hogue 165 Stonewall Lane

Thrilled about interest in walking and biking. Advocated for solar projects. Encouraged the public to get involved – the strategic planning committee and PTAs. Students are so well-served in this school district.

Gray Peckham 36 Shoreham Terrace

Three children in the system in all three levels. Concerned about educational impact of redistricting, especially for special needs students. As a Sherman busing family he wants to advocate that they too are part of the Sherman community.

Bonnie Rotelli, 1280 Merritt Street

Made a final plea that ECC needs to be in one location. It's probably inevitable that a comprehensive redistricting will take place. ECC is so important to so many children and families. Repurposing an elementary school will upset some families, but considering this for the ECC is important because they are the most vulnerable population. Delays in fixing the ECC situation have created this situation. Fears the ECC will be dismantled. Please reconsider finding one dedicated space. ECC staff has been so successful. As a Stratfield family, many people are walkers, and many people are bused across town to Tomlinson. Mr. Peterson believes the ECC is a deeply felt issue. Regarding repurposing an elementary school – his concern is that removing an elementary school amount of seats will come back to haunt us later as our population increases down the road. Ms. Pytko says that her daughter attended the ECC and she owes the staff there everything; she has seen firsthand what they are capable of doing there. Fears that splitting the program will result in equity. Also worried that kids will be pitted against one another. Is well aware of the issues before the Board.

Bob Smoler, President FEA

Regarding managing change. Asked the Board to consider evaluating the impact of change on existing programs. There needs to be a holistic mechanism to evaluate change. Need help with operational change management. Come up with principles regarding holistic management of change – a person, a committee. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said she is very interested in pursuing with the interim superintendent some time to reflect on all of the changes. We don't have a COO but we do have many experts in the district who can help examine the changes that have taken place and the impact of those changes. Mr. Smoler referenced implanting initiatives with fidelity.

Lindsay Swan Youngs, 348 Veres Street

Sherman parent. Zoned for busing but always walks or drives. Her third child will go to Sherman with an IEP and she is concerned about the negative impact that redistricting would bring.

Ryan Young, 329 Shoreham Village Drive

Spoke to data, operational efficiency and subject matter experts. Worked in educational technology. Concerned about data not being properly reported and correlated. Operational efficiencies – school registration process can be streamlined. Subject matter experts could be valuable in the redistricting process.

Gina Dignan, 58 Clinton Street

Works and lives in Fairfield. New employee to FPS. Referenced the draft of the revisions of the draft principles. There is a need to explain "why" – what is the goal, where is the timeline. Need to improve transparency. Having an educational consultant to help with redistricting would help, as teachers – elementary teachers in particular – are stretched thin.

Mark Joyella, 64 Shoreham Village Drive

Two children, one at Sherman and one soon to attend. Worried about redistricting. Questioned removing the guiding principle about considering boundaries, not crossing main roads. Understand what the criteria means to kids. Mrs. Gerber said that students today already do cross main roads every day because there is only one school south of Post Road, so the beach neighborhood feeds into three elementary schools already. Mr. Aysseh said that his family crosses Post Road and 95 every day going to elementary school and his son has had a wonderful experience in his school. For this guiding principle he felt that it was necessary to address the fact that we can't avoid crossing main roads. Takes public comment very seriously, and he feels very strongly about working for the needs of all students in the district. Mr. Peterson said that the district can't look at reopening Oldfield as an elementary school for a number of reasons. Ms. Leeper said that she too will have to cross Post Road with her children to go to elementary school. Mindful of not setting rules that don't apply to all students.

Andrew Martschenko, 817 Riverside Drive

Sherman School has a huge number of walkers. That's why his family moved there. Spoke to disruption -- did basic math of walking to school versus taking the bus. Walking each way is

nine minutes; busing each way is 30 minutes. All this additional time will have a negative impact and create disruption. There are degrees of disruption. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said that she appreciated the absolute civility of the conversation that has taken place throughout this meeting. Mrs. Vitale said that as the adults in the room we can help minimize stress and anxiety with any change that may take place. Nobody wants to disrupt the lives of kids. Please stay engaged.

Mr. Bateson thanked the public for their participation.

Mrs. Vitale thanked Mr. Bateson for moderating.

Adjournment

Mr. Aysseh moved/Mr. Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 9-0.
Meeting adjourned at 10:42PM.

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**Regular Meeting Minutes
Fairfield BoE, May 7, 2019**

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Voting Summary:

Call to order of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll Call

Chairman Christine Vitale called the Regular meeting to order at 7:13PM. Present were members Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Leeper, Philip Dwyer, Jessica Gerber, Christine Vitale, Nick Aysseh, Jennifer Jacobsen, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly, and Jeff Peterson. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones, FWHS student reps Mr. Rivera and Ms. Solari, members of the central office leadership team, and approximately 100 members of the public.

New Business

Approval of Revised Graduation Time

Mr. Peterson moved/Mrs. Jacobsen seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the revised time of high school graduation to Fairfield Ludlowe and Fairfield Warde High School to **Friday, June 14, 2019 at 5:00PM.**”

Motion passed 8-0-1 (Ms. Pytko, Ms. Leeper, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Vitale, Mr. Aysseh, Mrs. Jacobsen, Mr. Peterson in favor; Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly abstained).

Approval of Music Curriculum, Grades 6-12

Mr. Peterson moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Music Curriculum, Grades 6-12.” Motion passed 9-0.

Approval of Fairfield School Solar Proposal at School Sites

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mr. Peterson seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Fairfield School Solar Proposal at Roger Ludlowe Middle School” Motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Leeper moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Fairfield School Solar Proposal at Burr Elementary School.” Motion passed 8-1 (Ms. Pytko, Ms. Leeper, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Vitale, Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Peterson in favor; Mr. Aysseh against).

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Leeper seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Fairfield School Solar Proposal at Stratfield Elementary School.” Motion failed 4-5 (Ms. Leeper, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Vitale, Mrs. Jacobsen in favor; Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Aysseh, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against).

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Fairfield School Solar Proposal at Holland Hill Elementary School.” Motion passed 9-0.

Mrs. Vitale asked the Board for unanimous consent to take up the interim Superintendent vote before the Budget Adjustment discussion, and to switch the first read of the redistricting principles with the ECC Update; the Board agreed.

Approval of Interim Superintendent of Schools' Contract

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Pytko seconded to enter into executive session to discuss the interim Superintendent of Schools contract. Motion passed 9-0. The Board went into executive session at 8:40PM and came out of executive session at 8:50PM.

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mr. Dwyer seconded the recommended motion “that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby moves to appoint Stephen Tracy as the Acting/Interim Superintendent of Schools, subject to Dr. Tracy holding all certifications and meeting all requirements set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-157 and other applicable law. The Board further moves to approve the Contract with Mr. Tracy as discussed in executive session; and designates to the Board Chair the authority to execute the Contract document on behalf of the Board.” Motion passed 9-0.

At 10:50PM, Mrs. Jacobsen moved/Ms. Leeper seconded to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:15PM. Motion passed 7-2 (Ms. Pytko, Ms. Leeper, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Vitale, Mr. Aysseh, Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly in favor; Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Peterson against).

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded to table agenda items 8-11. Motion passed 6-3 (Ms. Pytko, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Vitale, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly and Mr. Peterson in favor; Ms. Leeper, Mr. Aysseh, Mrs. Jacobsen against).

The meeting ended at 11:15PM

Detailed Minutes

Student Reports:

Mr. Rivera and Ms. Solari reported for Fairfield Warde: Pequot won Battle of the Houses; the spring play ‘City of Angels’ had 3 great performances; Kristen Murphy and Noah Igram were honored as CAS Scholar Athletes; senior students attended a college safety assembly led by Fairfield University; the Warde/Ludlowe Lax games took place last week; wrestling coach Mr. Shaughnessy was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame with over 600 people in attendance; AP testing is underway; Junior Prom will be held on May 18th in the Courtyard and the Senior Prom will be held at the Trumbull Marriott on June 1st; and the mock crash will take place soon.

Public Comment:

Robert Horne, Stroll Rock Common: Supports one ECC location.

FPS Student, Judd Street: Supports one ECC location and solar energy in schools.

Ally Bartlett, Riverside Drive: Shared her experience with redistricting as a teacher in New Canaan.

Douglas Price, Willowbrook Road: Supports solar projects.

Phil Levieff, Sturges Hwy: Supports solar projects.

Presentation:

Student Recognition

Odyssey of the Mind: Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly recognized the Burr, Stratfield and Jennings teams (including the volunteer coaches) that earned their way to the World Finals being held at Michigan State University. The students created props and scripts to creatively problem-solve.

All-State and All-National Musician Honorees: Ms. Sara Hoefer read the names of all 90 students accepted to the Western Regionals as well as other competitions, and celebrated their extreme dedication and talent.

Fall and Winter High School State Athletic Champions: Mr. Hatzis recognized sophomore track star Tess Stapleton and the co-op Girls Ski Team. Mr. Ebling also recognized the 7th consecutive title for the Girl’s Ski Team, and wrestling

champs Noah Zuckerman and Joe Gjinaj. Their coach, Mr. Shaughnessy, was recently inducted in to the Wrestling Hall of fame, a very high honor.

CABE Communication Awards

CABE Board Member, Mr. Trefry, presented the Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence in Educational Communications to Fairfield Public Schools in 2 categories: District Website and Computer Generated Project. Mr. Trefry presented plaques to the district, saying Fairfield should be proud of this excellent work.

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Mrs. Vitale apologized to members of the community affected by the time change.

Motion Passed: 8-0-1

Favor: Ms. Pytko, Ms. Leeper, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Vitale, Mr. Aysseh, Mrs. Jacobsen, Mr. Peterson
Abstention: Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

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Mrs. Gerber moved, Mr. Peterson seconded that the Board of Education approve the Fairfield School Solar Proposal at Roger Ludlowe Middle School. The Board suggested that Mr. Thompson discuss changes applied since the previous presentation.

Mr. Scott Thompson, Chairman of the Sustainable Task Force, summarized the changes made to the solar designs: the RLMS solar project location has been moved from the roof to a carport in the rear parking lot; Burr Elementary has a narrower design, moving away from the basketball court; and the PPA rate was reduced with the size of the systems. Mr. Thompson underscored the educational benefit of the solar projects and responded to Board questions:

- There is a renewable standard for 2020 and beyond. Any fines for not meeting the target are applied to the utility provider.
- The PPA rate is fixed for 20 years.
- The district will ensure that solar does not adversely impact facilities.
- If needed, the task force will mitigate the neighbor's view of the RLMS carport.
- The main system of the Holland Hill solar project is proposed on the new roof, and Dr. Jones and Mr. Papageorge affirmed solar placement on the slanted part of the roof. Mr. Abrill (SkyView) said his company works with the roof manufacturer to ensure placement is amenable to the warranty.
- When tree removal is necessary, trees are replanted elsewhere with guidance from the tree warden.

Mr. Dwyer expressed safety concerns at the Stratfield site. Mr. Papageorge said parking lot footings could slow down the snow plows.

Mr. Peterson said he is pleased with the relocation of the RLMS project, but will oppose the Stratfield project for aesthetic reasons.

Public Comment:

Jill Vergara, Old Post Road: Supports solar projects.

Motion Passed 9-0

Ms. Leeper moved, Mrs. Gerber seconded that the Board of Education approve the Fairfield School Solar Proposal at Burr Elementary School.

Motion Passed: 8-1

Favor: Ms. Pytko, Ms. Leeper, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Vitale, Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Peterson

Oppose: Mr. Aysseh

Mrs. Gerber moved, Ms. Leeper seconded that the Board of Education approve the Fairfield School Solar Proposal at Stratfield Elementary School.

Mr. Dwyer supported the motion; the benefits outweigh the aesthetics.

Ms. Pytko said while she teaches and supports renewable energy, the project was not an appropriate fit for the space.

Motion Failed: 4-5

Favor: Ms. Leeper, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Vitale, Mrs. Jacobsen

Oppose: Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Aysseh, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

Mrs. Gerber moved, Ms. Pytko seconded that the Board of Education approve the Fairfield School Solar Proposal at Holland Hill Elementary School.

Motion Passed: 9-0

Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Vitale thanked the committee and said the Board supports solar energy.

New Business

3Q Financial Report

Mrs. Munsell presented the 3Q financial report. As of March 31, 2019, total expenses are expected to be within budget with the utilization of department and school give-backs. Any remaining funds after finalizing obligations, will be used for budgeted purposes to the extent possible. The Major Classifications Projection and Giveback sheet was discussed.

- The total amount in Givebacks is on line 28 and is just over \$1M.
- Dr. Jones said any remaining funds would go the schools; the principals would work with central office to determine needs.
- Excess Cost this year is very close to actual at 73%, and is also projected to be 73% next year.
- Medicaid revenue is \$115K, and higher than the initial projection of \$50K.
- The \$250K transportation deficit is due to changes in sped out of district transportation.
- Line 26 is mostly due to science, and is also reflective of the lack of available materials.

- Custodial overtime was due to water issues at the beginning of the year.
- Interns come from the universities; the expense can be found in part-time salaries. The intern program is unique to this area; the \$15-\$20K expense for each intern is well worth having a full-time intern, and that amount is applied towards the intern's education.

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Motion Passed: 9-0

Discussion of Possible 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments

Dr. Jones reported that the RTM passed the BOE budget increase of 4.6%. This included a \$700K reduction, which led to a difficult exercise to scour departments for adjustments. Additionally, in the course of managing updated budget information for FTE's, para salaries, insurance and electricity; there is an additional reduction of approximately \$700K which has to be factored in, resulting in an overall budget reduction adjustment of \$1.38M. Referencing the Budget Adjustment sheet, Dr. Jones responded to Board comments:

- Parking fees will be utilized differently. Initially, the fees were implemented to pay for safety.
- FTEs on lines 1 and 2 reference new hires for next year. It's too early to tell if a Warde staff member could cover the .2 FTE; KDG numbers are not yet finalized and FPS does not have a staffing contingency.
- The high school capital equipment requests go through central office.
- Mr. Arnone said the ELL program fully supports students and is partially funded with various grants. Some of the grants are new, and must be applied to the specifics as outlined in the grant. There is no substitute for the ELL Blended Learning software.
- Mr. Cummings said the reduction in curriculum PD and curriculum writing will affect funding for cognitive coaching and K-5 reading materials.
- Ms. Byrnes said that high stakes assessment testing requires wireless connectivity; the elementary project is part of the 3-year tech plan that is slated for next year. This item could be pushed off another year, but the district is trying to stay ahead of any problems that might arise.
- Dr. Jones said she would not have not brought forward school allocation reductions if she thought they would greatly impede instruction; allocations are used differently at each school. The district has been able to avoid discussing positions. Mr. Hatzis said the Ludlowe allocation reduction may impact elective areas with more

expensive consumable materials such as family consumer science and tech-ed. The Chromebook technology has reduced the need for textbook replacements and provided savings. Mr. Ebling said each area would be looked at including costs for sports and music. Ms. McGoey said Stratfield's allocation reduction might affect library/media budget and math/science consumables and paper.

- Mr. Cummings added that science textbook money was not built into the budget; the allocation reduction will not affect NGSS text-like resources.
- Mrs. Vitale asked for more detail about the \$200K budget line item for WFC.

Mr. Aysseh said the Board of Education is non-partisan, unlike other boards in town. The biggest budget drivers are the collective bargaining agreements. After the First Selectman's \$700K BoE budget cut, there were unforeseen expenses to the already-lean budget, which now translate to cuts totaling \$1.4M. He urged the Board and others to continue to advocate for the BoE budget.

Mr. Dwyer clarified that the real cut to the budget is \$700K. Every June, the Board approves approximately \$1M in transfers in order to apply savings to overage areas. He noted the importance of approving labor contracts that ensure competitive salaries for FPS staff.

Mrs. Vitale asked the Board to submit any changes to the budget adjustments before next Tuesday.

ECC Update

Dr. Jones reiterated that the space issue at ECC is forcing the district to look at expansion programs in other elementary schools. Currently, the peer ratio is at 23% due to insufficient space. Mr. Mancusi provided an elementary programming update, featuring maps showing results of the ECC program rubric results. In 2020-2021, the recommended ECC program sites are Holland Hill, North Stratfield and Stratfield elementary schools. Program goals and a revised feeder pattern were presented. Dr. Jones and Mr. Mancusi responded to Board questions:

- The Board requested that staff review moving ECC out of Warde in its entirety. Warde is at capacity and continued growth is expected there.
- ECC will have identical, clustered programs at each location, allowing highly effective, appropriate spaces to provide continuum of services.
- The ECC plan allows for building utilization rates at 85%; long-term building utilization and enrollment could be addressed by Milone and MacBroom. As of 2020, elementary students would not have to move to make room for ECC.
- The revised 2019-2020 ECC feeder pattern may appear off-balance, but it is determined by enrollment.
- PK placement in an elementary school increases the likelihood of improving the peer ratio. Stratfield parents are very happy with the quality of the programming.
- Itinerant services, such as speech, need more review.

Mr. Dwyer recommended a grandfathering option to avoid multiple moves.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said itinerant services may be disruptive to elementary schools with the constant coming and going of students and parents.

First Reading of Guiding Principles

Mrs. Vitale recommended that the Board move forward on voting for the ECC timeline in order to be able to provide that information to Milone and MacBroom. Before the next meeting, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly requested a full picture of itinerant services and Ms. Pytko requested a site visit to North Stratfield and Holland Hill. Determining whether WFC will remain at its current location is the next step.

Ms. Vitale suggested the Board give guidance to Milone and MacBroom, rather than the principles document.

Mr. Peterson does not want to default to current boundaries.

Mr. Aysseh would rather Milone and MacBroom do their work with guidelines; without restrictions as imposed by the Guiding Principles. He would be happy with a guideline of 85-90% building capacity.

Mrs. Jacobsen called Point of Order and said the Guiding Principles are on the agenda as a First Read. The Board entered into discussion on whether the Guiding Principles document should be updated or even used at all. Ms. Pytko said Milone and MacBroom need clarification and a charge.

Mrs. Vitale agreed to continue with reviewing the document. Mrs. Jacobsen would reinstate #1 to maintain neighborhood schools, and read from the Facilities Planning Principles to make her point. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said she has no interest in busing walkers, but would do so if needed.

At 10:50PM, Mrs. Jacobsen moved, Ms. Leeper seconded to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:15PM.

Motion Passed: 7-2

Favor: Ms. Pytko, Ms. Leeper, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Vitale, Mr. Aysseh, Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

Oppose: Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Peterson

Mr. Peterson asked that public comment be allowed at this time. Ms. Pytko agreed and said this discussion requires the Board's full attention.

Ms. Leeper said the Guiding Principles provide transparency. There are students who already don't attend their neighborhood schools; this is not a guarantee that can be provided to everyone.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved, Mrs. Gerber seconded to table agenda items 8-11.

Motion Passed: 6-3

Favor: Ms. Pytko, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Vitale, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Peterson

Oppose: Ms. Leeper, Mr. Aysseh, Mrs. Jacobsen

Public Comment:

Sarah Ferrizz, S. Benson Road: Urged Board to have transparency and maintain Bylaws and original Guiding Principles.

Alissa Schwarz; Avalon Court: Shared the sense of community that Sherman provided during Hurricane Sandy, and reflected on the importance of neighborhood schools.

Dan Satlow, Turney Road: Proud of Fairfield's principles as a town that cares about solar energy and racial diversity. Trust in the Board to have great sensitivity, and that quality should be relayed to the consultant.

Bonnie Rotelli, Merritt Street: Frustrated to hear that ECC will be in 3 spaces; the ECC plan sounds vague. Finds inequity with Math Academy concept.

Jennifer Gainer, Riverside Drive: Fairfield has unique pockets where people fit in.

Meghan Dockum, Riverside Drive: Encouraged members to review #7 from the Facilities and Planning Document; hopes to let walkers walk.

The meeting ended at 11:15.

*Respectfully submitted by Jessica Gerber
Fairfield Board of Education, Secretary*