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#### Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda 501 Kings Highway East, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Conference Room September 26, 2017

#### 7:30 PM

- 1. Call to Order of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll Call
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Comment\*
- 4. New Business
  - A. Appointment of Advisory Committee on Operational Effectiveness

**Recommended Motion**: "that the Board of Education hereby moves to establish an Advisory

Committee on Operational Effectiveness per BOE Bylaws, Article 2, Section 4, Paragraph B, and approve the charge as described in the

Commission Statement per Enclosure No. 1"

(Enclosure No. 1)

B. Financial Review of 2016-2017, Mrs. Munsell (Enclosure No. 2)

C. First Reading of Policy 5113, Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal (Enclosure No. 3)

- 5. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Approval of Special Minutes of September 12, 2017

<u>Recommended Motion</u>: "that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 12, 2017"

(Enclosure No. 4)

B. Approval of Regular Minutes of September 12, 2017

**Recommended Motion**: "that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2017"

(Enclosure No. 5)

- 6. Superintendent's Report
- 7. Committee/Liaison Reports
- 8. Open Board Comment
- 9. Public Comment\*
- 10. 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.

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>							
October 10, 2017	Board of Education	501 Kings Highway East					
October 10, 2017	7:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Conference Room					

#### RELOCATION POLICY NOTICE

The Fairfield Public Schools System provides services to ensure students, parents and other persons have access to meetings, programs and activities. The School System will relocate programs in order to ensure accessibility of programs and activities to disabled persons. To make arrangements, please contact the office of Special Education, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, CT 06825, Telephone: (203) 255-8379.

#### Fairfield Board of Education - Ad Hoc Committee on Operational Effectiveness

#### Proposed Commission Statement - September 12, 2017

On September 12, 2017, the Board of Education, by consensus, decided to create an Operational Effectiveness Committee to research and report on changes in its operations that would result in facility, financial and operational efficiencies. Its primary purpose is to assist the board in accomplishing Priority # 2 under Facilities in the 2017-18 Priorities for Excellence. The Ad Hoc Committee on Operational Effectiveness will complete its work and report their recommendations to the Board of Education for consideration and action. The Ad Hoc Committee is established per Article II, Section 4, Paragraph B of the Fairfield Board of Education By-laws.

Committee purpose:

To study and determine best use of all facilities through engaging community input on "structural changes" leading to more effective and efficient operations. While the goal is listed under the facilities section of the 2017-18 Priorities for Excellence, it is expected the committee will look at issues related to staffing, financing, facility utilization and program services.

Process:

The Ad Hoc Committee will be assisted by staff internal to the District as needed and work with consultants hired by the Central Office, as may be needed to accomplish their work. The Superintendent of Schools shall provide staff leadership to the Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee shall provide regular progress reports to the Board of Education as it deems appropriate or at the request of the Board. The Advisory Committee will provide a final written report on their recommendations to the full Board of Education.

Timeframe:

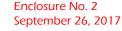
The Ad Hoc Committee shall begin its work immediately upon being constituted with a goal of completing their work in time to have the Board of Education accept and implement any suggested actions on one of three time frames:

Phase I – Immediate By January 15, 2018 to impact 2018-19 budget
 Phase II – Short term By March, 2018 to implement in 2019-2021 period
 Phase III – Long term By June, 2018 to implement after 2021

Upon reporting its final suggestions and/or recommendations to the Board, the Advisory Committee shall be deemed dissolved.

Membership:

The BoE Board Chair shall appoint three members from the Board of Education, who will elect a chair from among their group. The BoE Board chair will also recruit members from various Town Boards and constituency groups including, but not limited to: Board of Selectman, Board of Finance, Representative Town Meeting, Bargaining unit representatives, student representatives and at large members from the general community. The Committee will have twelve to fifteen members. All members shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA").





### Doreen Munsell Director of Finance and Business Services

**To:** Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent

Board of Education Board of Finance Board of Selectmen

Representative Town Meeting Leadership

**From:** Doreen Munsell, Executive Director of Finance and Business Services

Date: September 21, 2017

**Subject:** 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year – Financial Statement as of July 31, 2017

Attached you will find the final, pre-audit accounting of 2016 – 2017 Board of Education expenditures by major account classification. Projected expenditures and budget transfer requests (Col 1 and 2) were approved by the Board of Education on June 27, 2017 and provided to the Board of Selectman, Board of Finance, and RTM on July 13, 2017.

The majority of 2016 – 2017 expenses were either paid or encumbered by June 30, 2017. Since there was a projected deficit throughout the fiscal year, \$1 million was held in reserve to offset the anticipated shortfall of approximately \$500,000. Once the school year ended and expenditures were confirmed, the excess reserves were used for budgeted items that were frozen such as instructional materials, maintenance projects, and technology supplies and equipment, leaving a June 30, 2017 balance of \$89,273 (Col 3).

Throughout the month of July, wages earned and invoices incurred within the fiscal year were paid with 2016 - 2017 funds. At the same time, encumbrances were paid and/or released based on final invoices. On July 31, 2017, after these transactions, the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year was officially closed and our ending balance (Col 6) at the close of the fiscal year was \$1,480.

The attached information is considered final and was reported in the ED 001 State Financial Report by the September 5<sup>th</sup> deadline. In preparation for the September deadline, the subsequent transfers (Col 5) were required to officially close the fiscal year by July 31. The 2016 -2017 fiscal year and ED 001 report will be audited by independent auditors and an audited financial report will be issued prior to December 31.

#### Fairfield Public Schools 2016-2017 Budget Transfers & Final Balances at July 31, 2017

			(1) (2) (3)					(4)	(5)			(6)			
	MAJOR CLASSIFICATION ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		PROJECTED END OF YEAR BALANCES 6/21/2017	AP I	ANSFERS PROVED BY BOE /27/2017		ACTUAL BALANCE BEFORE BOE TRANSFERS 6/30/2017	ACTUAL BALANCE BEFORE FINAL TRANSFERS 7/31/2017		BALANCE BEFORE FINAL TRANSFERS		EOY CLOSING TRANSFERS 7/31/2017			FINAL BALANCE 7/31/2017
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	Personnel Services	_	444 400			F	<b>*</b> 500 450		07.100				4.040		
2	Certified Salaries Substitutes	\$	411,492 (413,625)				\$ 503,458 \$ (390,584)	_	87,190 (388)			\$	1,340		
3	SPED Substitutes	\$	(261,588)				\$ (269,007)	_	(300)			\$			
4	Non-Certified Salaries	\$	165,809				\$ 183,559	_	-			\$	-		
5	Degree Changes	\$	54,527			_	\$ 54,527	\$	-			\$	-		
	Custodial OT / Security / Clerical Extras / Lunch														
7	Aides Interns / Teacher Mentor Stipends	\$	15,000 101,550				\$ 54,683 \$ 115,341	\$	(8,012)			\$	-		
	SPED Summer School Salaries / SPED Clerical	φ	101,550			H	φ 115,541	φ	-			Ф	-		
8	Extras	\$	(99,544)				\$ (101,030)	\$	(342)			\$	-		
9	Extra Curricular Salaries	\$	52,135				\$ 47,045	L_				\$	-		
	Wage & Benefit	\$ <b>\$</b>	87,300	•	(400,000)		\$ 95,630	_	70.440		(77.400)	\$	- 4 240		
11	Total Personnel Services	Þ	113,056	\$	(100,000)		\$ 293,622	\$	78,448	\$	(77,108)	\$	1,340		
	Fixed Charges					F									
12	Health Insurance	\$	(67,000)			h	\$ (67,000)	\$	_			\$	_		
13	Life Insurance / Disability	\$	(1,094)				\$ (1,094)	_	-			\$	-		
14	FICA	\$	(12,801)				\$ (19,889)		(1,506)			\$	-		
15	Pension / Retirement	\$	(33,986)			_	\$ (33,953)	_	-			\$	-		
16	Total Fixed Charges	\$	(114,881)	\$	115,000		\$ (121,936)	\$	(1,506)	\$	1,506	\$	-		
	Pupil Personnel Expenses	\$	(989,993)			H	\$ (1,047,619)	Ф	(28,188)			\$			
17	Total Pupil Personnel Expenses	\$	(989,993)	\$	990,000		\$ (1,047,619)	_	(28,188)	\$	28,188	\$	-		
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	School Expenses														
18	School Balances	\$	136,740				\$ 162,418		210			\$	140		
19	Copying / Printing	\$	6,579				\$ 6,661	_	-	Ļ		\$	-		
20	Total School Expenses	\$	143,319	\$	(140,000)		\$ 169,079	\$	210	\$	(70)	\$	140		
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	Support Expenses					-									
21	Security	\$	(22,934)				\$ (22,934)	\$	-			\$	-		
22	Legal Services	\$	(111,382)				\$ (118,818)	\$	28,278			\$	-		
23	Professional Development	\$	89,362				\$ 107,506	_	(9,150)			\$	-		
24	Personnel / Recruitment	\$	12,733				\$ 15,876		(178)			\$	-		
25	Technology Software Supplies	\$	95,949				\$ 141,576		3,483			\$			
26 27	Magnet School Tuition Copying / Printing / Postage Costs	\$	23,194 4,520				\$ 23,194 \$ 11,598	_	463			\$			
28	Conferences	\$	(6,980)				\$ 13,498		576			\$	_		
29	Dues and Fees	\$	(2,050)				\$ (13,042)	_	86			\$	-		
30	Instructional Supplies / Materials	\$	206,815				\$ 3,600		-			\$	-		
31	Instructional Services	\$	(6,663)				\$ 7,786	_	-	Ļ	(22.772)	\$	-		
32	Total Support Expenses	\$	282,564	\$	-		\$ 169,840	\$	23,558	\$	(23,558)	\$	•		
	Maint/Oper/Transp.	1				H		<del>                                     </del>							
33	Tech Training	\$	24,259				\$ 23,830	\$	-			\$	-		
34	Maintenance Projects	\$	221,707				\$ 171,268		(280)			\$	-		
35	Maintenance Services	\$	56,610				\$ 56,616		1,950			\$	-		
36	Telephone	\$	(35,000)				\$ (33,888)					\$	-		
37	Tech Maint / Infrastructure / Tech Svcs	\$	47,805				\$ 71,273		(70,426)			\$	-		
38 39	Transportation Electric	\$	289,959 132,000				\$ 83,951 \$ 122,214		(2,885)			\$	<u> </u>		
40	Heat / Commercial Gas	\$	85,698				\$ 85,285		<u> </u>			\$	<u> </u>		
41	Water	\$	5,650				\$ 5,990		369			\$	-		
42	Total Maint/Oper/Transp.	\$	828,688	\$	(800,000)		\$ 586,539		(71,272)	\$	71,272	\$	-		
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43	Capital Outlay	•	00.015			Ļ	Φ 40.1-	_	/a			•			
44	Special Ed Equipment Technology Equipment	\$	22,818 92,705				\$ 18,440 \$ (51,652)		(20)			\$			
45 46	Oper Plant Equipment	\$	12,705				\$ (51,652) \$ 16,860		<u> </u>			\$			
47	School Equipment	\$	163,228				\$ 56,100		250			\$	-		
48	Total Capital Outlay	\$	291,456	\$	(65,000)		\$ 39,748	\$	230	\$	(230)		-		
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49	GRAND TOTAL	\$	554,209	\$	-	L	\$ 89,273	\$	1,480	\$	-	\$	1,480		

### **Statement of Account - Summary by Major Classification**

#### Fairfield Public Schools Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Major Classification	Appropriation As Adopted	Spec Approp and Transfers	Appropriation Amended	Total Expenditures	Outstanding Encumbrance	Outstanding Requistions	Unencumbered Balance	% Used
Personnel Services	104,758,317.00	(\$249,150.00)	104,509,167.00	104,430,718.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,448.06	99.92%
Fixed Charges	\$23,732,499.00	\$171,434.00	\$23,903,933.00	\$23,905,438.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,505.59)	100.01%
Pupil Personnel Expense	\$7,420,619.00	\$1,043,818.00	\$8,464,437.00	\$8,482,196.71	\$10,428.44	\$0.00	(\$28,188.15)	100.33%
School Expenses	\$2,748,747.00	(\$170,030.00)	\$2,578,717.00	\$2,474,862.44	\$103,644.39	\$0.00	\$210.17	99.99%
Support Expenses	\$4,981,940.00	(\$169,799.00)	\$4,812,141.00	\$4,613,384.25	\$175,199.35	\$0.00	\$23,557.40	99.51%
Maint/Oper/Trans	\$17,491,578.00	(\$586,545.00)	\$16,905,033.00	\$16,453,529.24	\$522,776.65	\$0.00	(\$71,272.89)	100.42%
Capital	\$2,524,861.00	(\$39,728.00)	\$2,485,133.00	\$2,304,642.63	\$180,258.88	\$0.00	\$231.49	99.99%
rand Total	\$163,658,561.00	\$0.00	163,658,561.00	162,664,772.80	\$992,307.71	\$0.00	\$1,480.49	100.00%

# **Statement of Account - Summary by Major Classification and Summary Object**

Fairfield Public Schools Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Major Classification	Appropriation	Spec Approp	Appropriation	Total	Outstanding	Outstanding	Unencumbered	%
Summary Object	As Adopted	and Transfers	Amended	Expenditures	Encumbrance	Requistions	Balance	Used
Personnel Services								
101 TEACHING STAFF	\$71,065,784.00	(\$899,311.00)	\$70,166,473.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.54	100.00%
103 CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF	\$6,807,978.00	(\$192,645.00)		\$6,616,856.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,523.04)	100.02%
105 SCHOOL ADMIN STAFF	\$6,024,575.00	(\$58,707.00)		\$5,965,867.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.09	100.00%
107 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION STAFF	\$1,098,312.00	(\$23,835.00)	\$1,074,477.00	\$1,074,477.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.51)	100.00%
109 DIRECTOR/SUPERVISOR/MGR	\$649,884.00	\$26,289.00	\$676,173.00	\$676,173.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.25)	100.00%
111 SECRETARIAL/CLERCL STAFF	\$3,494,098.00	(\$86,851.00)	\$3,407,247.00	\$3,407,215.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31.03	100.00%
113 PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF	\$3,572,366.00	(\$46,833.00)	\$3,525,533.00	\$3,525,468.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64.17	100.00%
115 CUSTODIAN STAFF	\$4,030,827.00	(\$163,812.00)	\$3,867,015.00	\$3,867,063.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$48.56)	100.00%
117 MAINTENANCE STAFF	\$1,004,173.00	\$8,269.00	\$1,012,442.00	\$1,012,442.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.34)	100.00%
121 SUPPORT STAFF	\$2,327,164.00	\$26,548.00	\$2,353,712.00	\$2,353,721.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$9.00)	100.00%
125 SE TRAINER STAFF	\$834,637.00	\$93,545.00	\$928,182.00	\$928,181.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.28	100.00%
129 PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT	\$2,676,593.00	\$594,206.00	\$3,270,799.00	\$3,279,574.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$8,775.66)	100.27%
131 WAGE/BENEFIT RESERVE	\$634,454.00	(\$406,544.00)	\$227,910.00	\$227,910.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.27)	100.00%
133 STAFF REPLACEMENT	(\$1,108,000.00)	\$1,196,708.00	\$88,708.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88,708.00	0.00%
135 DEGREE CHANGES	\$270,782.00	(\$270,782.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Div/0!
307 OTHER SERVICES	\$1,374,690.00	(\$45,395.00)	\$1,329,295.00	\$1,329,295.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.42)	100.00%
Total for Personnel Services	104,758,317.00	(\$249,150.00)	104,509,167.00	104,430,718.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,448.06	99.92%
Fixed Charges								
201 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$19,316,039.00	\$67,000.00	\$19,383,039.00	\$19,383,039.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
203 LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$267,709.00	\$1,095.00	\$268,804.00	\$268,803.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.88	100.00%
205 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$2,298,356.00	\$69,386.00	\$2,367,742.00	\$2,369,248.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,506.30)	100.06%
207 PENSION/RETIREMENT	\$1,850,395.00	\$33,953.00	\$1,884,348.00	\$1,884,348.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.17)	100.00%
Total for Fixed Charges	\$23,732,499.00	\$171,434.00	\$23,903,933.00	\$23,905,438.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,505.59)	100.01%
Pupil Personnel Expense								
301 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$50,500.00	(\$5,476.00)	\$45,024.00	\$45,527.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$503.53)	101.12%
303 PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$1,930,911.00	\$350,250.00	\$2,281,161.00	\$2,356,786.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$75,625.24)	103.32%
307 OTHER SERVICES	\$473,000.00	\$110,624.00	\$583,624.00	\$579,551.19	\$828.75	\$0.00	\$3,244.06	99.44%
315 RENTALS	\$23,842.00	\$358.00	\$24,200.00	\$24,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
317 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$181,560.00	(\$17,036.00)	\$164,524.00	\$164,637.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$113.87)	100.07%
319 CONFERENCE & TRAVEL	\$169,796.00	(\$41,217.00)	\$128,579.00	\$127,373.58	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$205.42	99.84%
327 PRINTING/COPYING	\$6,800.00	\$3,067.00	\$9,867.00	\$9,755.45	\$111.75	\$0.00	(\$0.20)	100.00%
329 TUITION	\$4,490,710.00	\$664,626.00	\$5,155,336.00	\$5,105,606.65	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,729.35	99.13%
401 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPLS/MATLS	\$62,500.00	(\$15,023.00)	\$47,477.00	\$45,124.90	\$2,475.50	\$0.00	(\$123.40)	100.26%
404 SPLS, BKS, MATLS-DIST SUPPORT	\$16,000.00	(\$6,851.00)		\$8,831.44	\$317.77	\$0.00	(\$0.21)	100.00%
411 TEXTBOOKS	\$12,000.00	(\$2,061.00)		\$9,244.47	\$694.67	\$0.00	(\$0.14)	100.00%
415 OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	\$1,250.00	\$766.00	\$2,016.00	\$2,016.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.14)	100.00%
601 DUES AND FEES	\$1,750.00	\$1,791.00	\$3,541.00	\$3,540.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.06	100.02%
Total for Pupil Personnel Expense	\$7,420,619.00			\$8,482,196.71	\$10,428.44	\$0.00	(\$28,188.15)	100.33%
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# Statement of Account - Summary by Major Classification and Summary Object Fairfield Public Schools

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Major Classification Summary Object	Appropriation As Adopted	Spec Approp and Transfers	Appropriation Amended	Total Expenditures	Outstanding Encumbrance	Outstanding Requistions	Unencumbered Balance	% Used
School Expenses								
129 PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT	\$13,000.00	(\$3,830.00)	\$9,170.00	\$9,169.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.45	100.00%
301 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$18,300.00	\$4,112.00	\$22,412.00	\$22,740.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$328.01)	101.46%
307 OTHER SERVICES	\$67,275.00	(\$7,568.00)	\$59,707.00	\$59,161.67	\$724.50	\$0.00	(\$179.17)	100.30%
315 RENTALS	\$126,597.00	(\$23,203.00)	\$103,394.00	\$103,229.69	\$1,444.00	\$0.00	(\$1,279.69)	101.24%
317 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$42,250.00	(\$7,770.00)	\$34,480.00	\$32,526.67	\$1,933.43	\$0.00	\$19.90	99.94%
319 CONFERENCE & TRAVEL	\$65,645.00	(\$31,989.00)	\$33,656.00	\$33,283.08	\$625.00	\$0.00	(\$252.08)	100.75%
327 PRINTING/COPYING	\$256,179.00	(\$6,662.00)	\$249,517.00	\$222,114.86	\$27,403.28	\$0.00	(\$1.14)	100.00%
400 SUPPLIES, BOOKS & MATERIALS	\$1,481,319.00	(\$78,782.00)	\$1,402,537.00	\$1,355,877.83	\$42,776.08	\$0.00	\$3,883.09	99.72%
402 INSTRUCTIONAL SPLS-DIST SUPPRT	\$38,000.00	(\$6,913.00)	\$31,087.00	\$31,099.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$12.11)	100.04%
409 STUDENT ACTIVITY EXPENSES	\$595,972.00	(\$2,307.00)	\$593,665.00	\$566,712.30	\$28,680.96	\$0.00	(\$1,728.26)	100.29%
415 OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	\$18,375.00	(\$2,729.00)	\$15,646.00	\$15,534.81	\$57.14	\$0.00	\$54.05	99.65%
601 DUES AND FEES	\$25,835.00	(\$2,389.00)	\$23,446.00	\$23,412.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33.14	99.86%
Total for School Expenses	\$2,748,747.00		\$2,578,717.00	\$2,474,862.44	\$103,644.39	\$0.00	\$210.17	99.99%
Support Expenses								
301 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$184,570.00	(\$13,186.00)	\$171,384.00	\$170,654.97	\$728.75	\$0.00	\$0.28	100.00%
305 PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SVCS	\$715,040.00	\$118,834.00	\$833,874.00	\$805,426.57	\$129.64	\$0.00	\$28,317.79	96.60%
307 OTHER SERVICES	\$21,060.00	\$931.00	\$21,991.00	\$21,990.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.50	100.00%
309 SECURITY SVCS/EXPENSES	\$160,000.00	\$22,934.00	\$182,934.00	\$177,224.76	\$5,708.86	\$0.00	\$0.38	100.00%
313 MAINTENANCE SERVICES	\$664,799.00	(\$1,279.00)	\$663,520.00	\$647,696.95	\$16,462.50	\$0.00	(\$639.45)	100.10%
319 CONFERENCE & TRAVEL	\$48,900.00	(\$13,499.00)	\$35,401.00	\$33,825.08	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$575.92	98.37%
321 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$591,117.00	(\$72,382.00)	\$518,735.00	\$517,925.03	\$9,959.70	\$0.00	(\$9,149.73)	101.76%
323 POSTAGE	\$68,000.00	\$0.00	\$68,000.00	\$66,096.86	\$1,625.80	\$0.00	\$277.34	99.59%
325 PERSONNEL/RECRUITMENT EXP	\$25,690.00		\$10,376.00	\$10,594.96	\$1,025.00	\$0.00	(\$218.96)	102.11%
		(\$15,314.00)					, ,	
327 PRINTING/COPYING	\$67,350.00	(\$4,859.00)	\$62,491.00	\$58,457.30	\$4,033.75	\$0.00	(\$0.05)	100.00%
329 TUITION	\$319,927.00	(\$23,194.00)	\$296,733.00	\$296,733.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
401 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPLS/MATLS	\$1,879,573.00	(\$139,146.00)		\$1,614,097.89	\$121,536.36	\$0.00	\$4,792.75	99.72%
403 OFFICE/GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$15,250.00	(\$769.00)	\$14,481.00	\$14,109.76	\$185.11	\$0.00	\$186.13	98.71%
404 SPLS, BKS, MATLS-DIST SUPPORT	\$9,000.00	\$2,923.00	\$11,923.00	\$11,923.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.41)	100.00%
411 TEXTBOOKS	\$2,933.00	(\$1,838.00)	\$1,095.00	\$1,094.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	100.00%
415 OTHER SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	\$148,465.00	(\$36,526.00)	\$111,939.00	\$98,781.28	\$13,828.88	\$0.00	(\$671.16)	100.60%
424 OTHER SUPPLIES	\$6,000.00	(\$5,971.00)	\$29.00	\$29.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.16)	100.55%
601 DUES AND FEES	\$54,266.00	\$12,542.00	\$66,808.00	\$66,721.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$86.21	99.87%
Total for Support Expenses	\$4,981,940.00	(\$169,799.00)	\$4,812,141.00	\$4,613,384.25	\$175,199.35	\$0.00	\$23,557.40	99.51%
Maint/Oper/Trans								
305 PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SVCS	\$100,000.00	(\$3,582.00)	\$96,418.00	\$56,608.00	\$39,810.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
311 UTILITY SERVICES	\$4,564,632.00	(\$187,899.00)	\$4,376,733.00	\$4,375,684.50	\$678.56	\$0.00	\$369.94	99.99%
313 MAINTENANCE SERVICES	\$4,167,923.00	(\$329,723.00)	\$3,838,200.00	\$3,451,780.80	\$457,127.08	\$0.00	(\$70,707.88)	101.84%
317 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$7,797,817.00	(\$82,807.00)	\$7,715,010.00	\$7,695,179.50	\$22,889.28	\$0.00	(\$3,058.78)	100.04%
319 CONFERENCE & TRAVEL	\$34,100.00	\$1,244.00	\$35,344.00	\$34,145.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,198.82	96.61%
321 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$55,395.00	(\$27,330.00)	\$28,065.00	\$28,064.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.38	100.00%
424 OTHER SUPPLIES	\$315,211.00	(\$282.00)	\$314,929.00	\$314,860.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68.63	99.98%
429 MAINTENANCE/REPAIR SUPPLIES	\$456,500.00	\$43,834.00	\$500,334.00	\$497,206.27	\$2,271.73	\$0.00	\$856.00	99.83%
Total for Maint/Oper/Trans	\$17,491,578.00	(\$586,545.00)	\$16,905,033.00	\$16,453,529.24	\$522,776.65	\$0.00	(\$71,272.89)	100.42%
Capital								
501 CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$482,146.00	(\$91,380.00)	\$390,766.00	\$274,558.89	\$115,975.34	\$0.00	\$231.77	99.94%
503 TECHNOLOGY	\$2,042,715.00	\$51,652.00	\$2,094,367.00	\$2,030,083.74	\$64,283.54	\$0.00	(\$0.28)	100.00%
Total for Capital	\$2,524,861.00	(\$39,728.00)	\$2,485,133.00	\$2,304,642.63	\$180,258.88	\$0.00	\$231.49	99.99%
Grand Total	163,658,561.00	\$0.00	163,658,561.00	162,664,772.80	\$992,307.71	\$0.00	\$1,480.49	100.00%



### Doreen Munsell Director of Finance and Business Services

**To:** Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent

Board of Education Board of Finance Board of Selectmen

Representative Town Meeting Leadership

From: Doreen Munsell, Executive Director of Finance and Business Services

Date: September 21, 2017

**Subject:** 2016 – 2017 Medical Retention Fund Close Out

Attached you will find the Board of Education's close out of the district's self-insurance medical fund. The district moved to the CT Partnership 2.0 Plan on July 1, 2016, and is no longer self-insured. However, in 2016 – 2017, IBNR (Incurred But Not Reported) claims and administrative fees were paid as run-off for the self-insured plan.

As of June 30, 2017, there is a negligible \$15,283 reserved for any residual run-off claims. Notwithstanding the reserve, the self-insured medical retention fund for the Board of Education is closed.

# Summary of 2015-2016 Medical Retention Run Out June 30, 2017

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	Anticipated 2015-2016 Self-Insurance Run Out w/Final IBNR and Fees			2016-2017 Close Out
Cash Balance July 1, 2016	\$	3,038,168	\$	3,038,168
IBNR Payments Claims/Fees*	\$	(1,710,000)	\$	(1,917,482)
Formulary Rebates	\$	200,000	\$	606,558
AON Consulting Fees Paid	\$	(150,000)	\$	(150,000)
2016-17 CT Patnership Plan Funding			\$	(740,607)
Transition Reinsurance Fee			\$	(44,108)
Net Revenue/Payments	\$	(1,660,000)	\$	(2,245,638)
Fund Balance June 30, 2017	\$	1,378,168	\$	792,530
Retained in Internal Service Fund			\$	(817,530)
July 1, 2017** Fund Balance w/Accrual			\$	(25,000)
July 1, 2017 Fund Balance w/o Accrual			\$	-

IBNR*	\$ 1,710,000	\$ 1,917,482
IBNR Payments Claims/Fees Detail		
Cigna Claims Paid		\$ 1,788,825
Cigna Admin Fees 16-17		\$ 120,398
IBNR Cigna 17-18		\$ 15,283
Delta Dental Claims		\$ 69,881
CVS Refund		\$ (76,905)

<sup>\*\*</sup>June 30, 2017 outstanding payable to AON

#### **Students**

#### ATTENDANCE / EXCUSES / DISMISSAL

5113(a)

#### Attendance

Connecticut state law requires parents to cause their children, ages five through eighteen inclusive, to attend school regularly during the hours and terms the public school is in session. Parents or persons having control of a child five years of age have the option of not sending the child to school until ages six or seven. Mandatory attendance terminates upon graduation or withdrawal with written parent/guardian consent at age seventeen.

A student is considered to be "in attendance" if present at his/her assigned school, or an activity sponsored by the school (e.g., field trip), for at least half of the regular school day. A student who is serving an out-of-school suspension or expulsion should always be considered absent. A student not meeting the definition of "in attendance" shall be considered absent.

Classroom learning experiences are the basis for public school education. Time lost from class is lost instructional opportunity. The Board of Education requires that accurate records be kept of the attendance of each child, and students should not be absent from school without parental knowledge and consent.

#### **Definitions (related to chronic absenteeism)**

Chronically absent child: An enrolled student whose total number of absences at any time during a school year is equal to or greater than ten percent of the total number of days that such student has been enrolled at such school during such school year.

**Absence:** An excused absence, unexcused absence or disciplinary absence, as those terms are defined by the State Board of Education. or an in-school suspension that is greater than or equal to one-half of a school day.

**District chronic absenteeism rate:** The total number of chronically absent children in the previous school year divided by the total number of children under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education for such school year.

**School chronic absenteeism rate:** The total number of chronically absent children for a school in the previous school year divided by the total number of children enrolled in such school for such school year.

#### **Students**

#### ATTENDANCE / EXCUSES / DISMISSAL (continued)

5113(b)

#### **Excused Absence**

For absences one through nine, an absence shall be considered "excused" when a child does not attend school and appropriate documentation is provided by the student's parent/guardian approving the absence, due to:

- A. Illness or injury;
- B. Death in the immediate family;
- C. Religious obligation;
- D. Court appearance;
- E. School sponsored activity;
- F. Lack of transportation that is normally provided by a district other than the one the student attends; (This reason does not require documentation.)
- G. An emergency; or
- H. Other exceptional circumstances and extraordinary educational opportunities preapproved by a District administrator and in accordance with SDE guidelines. Written excuse for such absences should be submitted to school officials by the child's parent or guardian. All other absences with or without written explanation shall be considered unexcused.

For the tenth absence and all absences thereafter, a student's absences from school are considered excused for the following reasons:

- A. Student illness (must be verified by a licensed medical professional to be deemed excused, regardless of the length of the absence);
- B. Student's observance of a religious holiday;
- C. Death in the student's family or other emergency beyond the control of the student's family:
- D. Mandated court appearances (documentation required);
- E. The lack of transportation that is normally provided by a district other than the one the student attends (no parental documentation required);
- F. Extraordinary educational opportunities pre-approved by District Administration and to be in accordance with Connecticut State Department of Education guidance.

A student's absence from school shall be considered unexcused unless:

- A. The absence meets the definition of an excused absence and meets the documentation requirements; or
- B. The absence meets the definition of a disciplinary absence, which is the result of school or District disciplinary action and are excluded from these State Board of Education approved definitions.

#### **Students**

#### ATTENDANCE / EXCUSES / DISMISSAL

5113(c)

#### **Excused Absence** (continued)

When the school in which a child is enrolled receives no notification of the child's absence from a parent/guardian or other person having control of the child, a reasonable effort shall be made by school personnel to notify by telephone, email, or mail such parent/guardian or other person having control of the child.

#### Unexcused Absence

Board policy with respect to unexcused absences stresses prevention and inquiry leading to remediation of absences. The schools will make all reasonable efforts to keep parents/guardians and students informed as to attendance problems and will make all reasonable efforts to help students improve their attendance when such improvement is warranted. Only when all local resources are exhausted is referral to legal authorities recommended.

A student's absence from school shall be considered "unexcused" unless the absence meets the definitions, listed above, for an "excused" absence, including the documentation requirements; or if the absence is the result of school or District disciplinary action.

#### **Chronic Absenteeism**

The Board of Education, in compliance with statute, requires the establishment of attendance review teams when chronic absenteeism rates in the District or at individual schools in the District meet the following circumstances:

- 1. A team for the District must be established when the District chronic absenteeism rate is 10 percent or higher.
- 2. A team for the school must be established when the school chronic absenteeism rate is 15 percent or higher.
- 3. A team for either the District or each school must be established when (a) more than one school in the District has a school chronic absenteeism rate of 15 percent or higher or (b) a District has a District chronic absenteeism rate of 10 percent or higher and one or more schools in the District have a school chronic absenteeism rate of 15 percent or higher.

The membership of attendance review teams may consist of school administrators, guidance counselors, school social workers, teachers, chronically absent children, parents or guardians of chronically absent children, and representatives from community-based programs who address issues related to student attendance by providing programs and services to truants.

#### **Students**

#### ATTENDANCE / EXCUSES / DISMISSAL

5113(d)

#### **Chronic Absenteeism** (continued)

Each attendance review team shall be responsible for reviewing the cases of truants and chronically absent children, discussing school interventions and community referrals for such truants and chronically absent children and making any additional recommendations for such truants and chronically absent children and their parents or guardians. Each established attendance review team shall meet at least monthly.

The District shall utilize the chronic absenteeism prevention and intervention plan developed by the State Department of Education when it becomes available. (SDE to develop by 1/1/16.)

The District shall annually include in information for the strategic school profile report for each school and the District that is submitted to the Commissioner of Education, data pertaining to truancy and chronically absent children.

The Principal or his/her designee of any elementary or middle school located in a town/city designated as an alliance district may refer to the children's truancy clinic established by the Probate Court serving the town/city, a parent/guardian with a child defined as a truant or who is at risk of becoming a truant. (An attendance officer or a police officer shall deliver the citation and summons and a copy of the referral to the parent/guardian.)

#### Release of Student During School Day/Dismissal

The Board recognizes the need for students to be in school for the full instructional day. It is encouraged that early dismissal should be requested only in emergency or unusual situations.

Request for release of a student during the school day originating outside the schools must be handled by the administration to ensure maximum provisions for the safety and welfare of the student.

Students who become ill during the school day may be excused by-the school nurse. School personnel will notify parent/guardian to arrange transportation.

No student may be permitted to leave school at any time other than at regular dismissal without the approval of the student's parent/guardian. If a court official with legal permission to take custody of a child, or if a police officer arrests a student, the parent/guardian should be notified of these situations by the administration.

#### **Students**

#### ATTENDANCE / EXCUSES / DISMISSAL (continued)

5113(e)

#### **Truancy**

The Board of Education must provide each child with a continuing education which will prepare the student to assume adult roles and responsibilities. Therefore, regular attendance and punctuality are expected from all children enrolled in our schools. By statute, responsibility for assuring that students attend school rests with the parent(s)/guardian(s) or other person having control of the child. Every effort must be made to keep absences and tardiness to a minimum. To assist parent(s)/guardian(s) and others in meeting this responsibility, the Board of Education has developed the following procedures regarding students ages five (5) to eighteen (18) inclusive.

- 1. Notify parents/guardians or other person having control of each child enrolled, ages five (5) to eighteen (18) inclusive, in writing, of the obligations of the parents/guardians pursuant to student attendance (C.G.S. 10-184).
- 2. Obtain from each parent/guardian or other persons having control of an enrolled child a telephone number or other means of contacting such parent/guardian or other person during the school day.
- 3. Establish a system for monitoring student's individual absences/tardies.
- 4. Notify, by telephone, email, or mail the parent(s)/guardian(s) or other such person(s) whenever a child fails to report to school on a regularly scheduled school day and no indication has been received by school personnel that the child's parent/guardian or other person is aware of the student's absence.
- 5. Identify a student as "truant" when the student has four (4) unexcused absences in any one month or ten (10) unexcused absences in any school year.
- 6. Hold a meeting with appropriate staff and the parent/guardian or other person having control of the child identified as a "truant" within ten (10) days of such designation to review the reasons for the truant behavior and to evaluate the situation.
- 7. Referral will be made to the PPT to determine whether or not an educational evaluation is appropriate, prior to filing a written complaint with the Superior Court.
- 8. File a written complaint by the Superintendent with the Superior Court alleging that the acts or omissions of any child identified as a "truant" are such that the student's family is a "family with service needs" if the parent or other person having control of the child identified as "truant" fails:
  - a. to attend the required meeting to evaluate why the child's truant or
  - b. to cooperate with the school in trying to solve the truancy problem.
- 9. Provide for the coordination of services and refer enrolled students who are truants to community agencies providing child and family services.

#### **Students**

#### ATTENDANCE / EXCUSES / DISMISSAL

5113(f)

#### Truancy (continued)

A student who is identified as a "truant" may be subject to the following consequences:

- A. Promotion to the next grade may be contingent upon the student successfully completing a summer school program.
- B. The student may be retained in the same grade in order to acquire the skills necessary for promotion to the next grade level.

#### **High School Attendance**

The purpose of this policy is to encourage school and/or class attendance in order to have students maximize their educational opportunities. Regular, uninterrupted attendance at school and/or class is essential to successful learning.

Students enrolled in a Fairfield high school who exceed the permitted number of unexcused absences from school or class may lose credit for that class or classes. as specified in the Student/Parent Handbook of each high school.

#### **Attendance Records**

The professional staff of each school shall keep an attendance record of students in their charge.

#### **Regularity of Attendance**

Regular, uninterrupted attendance at school and/or class is essential to successful learning. In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, the Board may appoint one (1) or more persons, who shall be authorized to prosecute for violations of the laws relating to attendance of children and their employment. All warrants issued upon such prosecutions shall be returnable before any court having jurisdiction.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-184 Duties of parents. (as amended by PA 98-243 and PA 00-157)

10-185 Penalty

10-198a Policies and procedures concerning truants (as amended by PA

00-157, PA 11-136 and PA 14-198)

10-199 through 10-202 Attendance, truancy in general. (Revised 1995 -

PA 95-304)

10-220(c) Duties of boards of education (as amended by PA 15-225)

#### **Students**

#### ATTENDANCE / EXCUSES / DISMISSAL

5113(g)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

10-221(b) Board of education to prescribe rules. *Campbell v. New Milford*, 193 Conn93 (1984).

Action taken by State Board of Education on January 2, 2008, to define

"attendance."

Action taken by the State Board of Education on June 27, 2012 to define

"excused" and "unexcused" absences.

Adopted 8/27/2004 Revised and Adopted 6/11/2013 Revised and Adopted 10/18/2016

### DRAFT Special Meeting Draft Minutes Fairfield BoE; September 12, 2017

### <u>Call to order of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll</u> Call

Chairman Philip Dwyer called the Special meeting to order at 6:33PM. Present were members Donna Karnal, Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Trisha Pytko, Nick Aysseh (arrived 6:36PM), Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly and John Llewellyn. Eileen Liu-McCormack and Marc Patten were not present. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones, BoF member David Becker, Attorney Steven Sedor, and Ms. Colleen Deasy.

## <u>Board Discussion Regarding Student Expulsions and Collective Bargaining</u> Negotiations

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Karnal seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education hereby moves to enter into Executive Session under 1-200(6)(E) to discuss records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining in accordance with Connecticut General Statute CGS 1-210(b)(9) and invite Attorney Deasy, Attorney Sedor, Dr. Jones and Mr. Becker as appropriate." Motion passed 6-0 (Mr. Aysseh was not present for this vote)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:30PM

#### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Karnal seconded the recommended motion "that this Special Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn." Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

### **DRAFT** Regular Meeting Minutes Fairfield BoE, September 12, 2017

NOTICE: A full meeting recording can be obtained from Fairfield Public Schools. Please call 203-255-8371 for more information and/or see the FPS website (under Board Meeting Minutes) for a link to FAIRTV.

#### Call to Order of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll Call

Chairman Philip Dwyer called the Regular meeting to order at 7:35PM. Present were members Eileen Liu-McCormack, Marc Patten (arrived 7:42PM), Donna Karnal, Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Trisha Pytko, Nick Aysseh, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly and John Llewellyn. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones, members of the central office leadership team, and approximately 15 members of the public.

#### **New Business**

Appointment of BoE CAC Area 2 Representative

Mrs. Gerber moved, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Tom Flynn as the BoE CAC Area 2 Representative.

Mr. Dwyer explained that Mr. Flynn's term expired so the Board needs to reappoint him. The bylaws of the CAC state that the BoE has to elect this representative to the CAC.

#### Motion Passed: 8-0

(Mr. Patten was not in the room at this time)

Discussion of Priorities for Excellence: Facilities #2: Study and determine best use of all facilities through engaging community input on 'structural change' with the assistance of engaging an outside consultant.

Dr. Jones said structural change involves more than facilities alone; Milone and MacBroom consultants will study 10-year enrollment projections, facility usage, racial imbalance and demographics. Other cost-saving changes are being implemented including a bus transportation waitlist (for students in walk zones) and elementary enrollment confirmation. The FEA has also created a committee to bring efficiency ideas forward.

<u>Mr. Dwyer</u> said the Bylaws allow for the formation of an adhoc committee. A broad-based committee to study structural change would include members from the BOE, BOS, BOF, RTM, FEA, non-certified staff, and PTA. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly is in favor of the formation of this committee.

Mr. Llewellyn suggested adding high school students as members.

<u>Mrs. Gerber</u>: What would the timeline be? Would the result be something the Board would vote on? Would the committee bring options or make recommendations?

Mrs. Liu-McCormack suggested that ideas be presented with pros and cons.

Ms. Pytko is also in favor, and asked if the consultant would be used in the committee.

Mr. Dwyer mentioned that budgets use enrollment projections. Dr. Jones added that it would be helpful to have the new committee in place before the Milone and MacBroom October presentation.

#### Mrs. Gerber:

- What will Milone and MacBroom will be doing? Dr. Jones said they will be providing 10-year enrollment projections and reporting on facility usage.
- If Milone and MacBroom suggested closing a school would it be cost-based? Dr. Jones said it would depend on the information presented and expected cost savings.
- Will the meetings be public and will FAIRTV cover the meetings? Mr. Dwyer said the public meetings will be noticed. He also advised that the committee should have some provision for public comment.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said this is akin to an operational audit, but felt there should be some direction on required outcome – unlike what happened with the Communication Committee. All feasible ideas should be brought forward before January.

Mr. Aysseh said the written charge should include deadlines and should be complete before recruiting volunteers.

Having a charge would prevent the group from starting and going beyond scope.

Mr. Patten agreed; a charge is needed prior to recruiting.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly disagreed; should recruit now and not wait 2 weeks for approval. Empower the Chair to reach out now to Town Boards.

Mr. Dwyer said that is his intent - to draft a commission statement by end of the week. Requested Board comments on the statement before the next meeting.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack said the committee should have a balance of school representation.

<u>Mrs. Gerber</u> said it would be helpful to research previous elementary and middle school space usage committees that were comprised of a cross-section of different Town bodies.

Mr. Aysseh: When are the results expected? Should specify expected dates to stay on track.

Mr. Dwyer said he would like to have the results in time to help inform next year's budget cycle. There may be some ideas that cannot be implemented for several years.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly hoped an initial report would be ready by December. Dr. Jones said the district hopes to be as inclusive as possible to get great input.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack recommended being all-inclusive and inviting people who don't usually have a voice.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2017

Mrs. Gerber moved, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 29, 2017.

#### **Motion Passed: 9-0**

Approval of Regular Minutes of August 29, 2017

Mrs. Gerber moved, Ms. Pytko seconded that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 29, 2017.

#### Motion Passed: 7-2

Favor: Mr. Patten, Ms. Karnal, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Pytko, Mr. Aysseh, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

Oppose: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Llewellyn

#### Superintendent's Report

#### Opening of School

Dr. Jones thanked Mr. Cullen and said schools are operating smoothly. Total enrollment projections are as expected and on target, although there are some shifts.

#### Racial Imbalance Update

Dr. Jones updated the Board on the September 6 Racial Imbalance meeting and resolution from the CT State Board of Education. The message from the State Board suggests the problem lies with the 10 other schools, not with McKinley. The State Board approved the district Timeline and issued a resolution to include the expansion of Open Choice; this is not an affordable solution. Dr. Rasmussen has calculated that an additional 945 Open Choice students would need to be added in the first year alone, with expansion each year thereafter. The State Board questions this number, so our calculations have been forwarded to the state for their review.

Mr. Dwyer said the State Board is stuck on the legal interpretation of the old 1968 law and regulation.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack asked if the Board could change the law; people seem to be very happy at McKinley.

Mr. Dwyer said the State Board could change the percentage in the regulation, but not the law.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly: What is their definition of their technical assistance? Could we get a copy of this year's pink sheet? Dr. Jones said she will provide the pink enrollment sheet.

<u>Mr. Dwyer</u> said technical assistance includes discussions with the technical committee, and assistance with calculations. <u>Mr. Llewellyn</u> asked about further budget insights and cuts to ECS. Mr. Dwyer said every day there are new budget

proposals.

<u>Mr. Patten</u>: How many other Towns fall under Racial Imbalance? Dr. Jones said one other locality; it has not necessarily been resolved by towns which created plans; this could be a concern. <u>Mr. Dwyer</u> said some towns were in the plan implementation phase.

Ms. Pytko: When do they check whether we are in compliance? Would they take us to court? Mr. Dwyer said plan reapproval will be required in June 2019. The attorney has consistently told the commission that there are limited ways to enforce this rule but they can file a complaint that could eventually end with us in court.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly: Will going to court, as some are in favor of, result in loss of funding? Mr. Dwyer said there are various ways that we rely on the State, so if we don't comply, the State could make things difficult for us.

Mrs. Gerber: What was the impetus behind the change in meal payment? Mrs. Munsell said this was not due to cost-savings, but improved data access and IC integration. Was not an easy transition.

#### Committee/Liaison Reports

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said the Policy Committee reviewed the legislative updates.

#### **Open Board Comment**

Mrs. Gerber recognized the Fairfield Living Magazine article that featured Fairfield students and their mentors.

#### **Public Comment**

Sally Connelly, Tunxis Hill Road: Encourage productive discussion on McKinley.

Dabney Bowen, Verna Hill Road: Fight Racial Imbalance in court, it is an antiquated law. Has Board considered the cost of going to court versus the cost of complying with the racial imbalance law.

Monique Sudikoff, Lockwood Road: Feels that the law may not be as antiquated as some say. Town suffers when diversity is not spread out.

Frank Sahagian, Fairfield Resident: Enrollment projections are not accurate; should redistrict to solve Racial Imbalance. Bob Smoler, FEA: Favors committee formation; members should be experienced with business and facilities backgrounds.

John Convertito, 62 Oyster Road: Applauds committee formation; should first be about the structure. Questioned the need to involve parents on the committee before you have a recommendation. Get facts first, keep emotion out. Christine Vitale, Fairfield Resident: Committee has a big charge and should perhaps be 2 committees; some work is more short-term; other work is longer-term

Mr. Dwyer said 10-year enrollment projections are required by the state for project reimbursement.

#### Adjournment

Ms. Pytko moved, Ms. Karnal seconded that this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn.

Motion Passed: 9-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jessica Gerber Fairfield Board of Education Secretary