

**Special Meeting Notes
Fairfield BoE; January 24, 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 6:30PM. Present were members Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Leeper (arrived 6:40PM), Philip Dwyer, Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Jennifer Jacobsen, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly (arrived 6:34PM) and Jeff Peterson. Nick Aysseh was not present. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones, Stephen Sedor, Frank Pizarro, Julie Cinnamon, Tara Varga, Lisa Bennett and one member of the public.

Business Items

Board Discussion Regarding Grievance and Collective Bargaining Negotiations

Mr. Peterson moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education hereby moves to enter into Executive Session to discuss records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining in accordance in accordance with Connecticut General Statute CGS 1-210(b)(9); and invite into executive session Superintendent Toni Jones, Attorney Sedor and Lisa Bennett." Motion passed 8-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:40PM

Prior to the vote Mrs. Vitale recused herself.

Mr. Peterson moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the motion that "The Board of Education hereby moves to deny the grievance on the following grounds:

- 1) The grievance does not present an alleged violation of the collective bargaining agreement and therefore is not a grievable or arbitrable matter; and
- 2) The grievance is denied on the merits.

The Board further moves to direct the Board Chair to coordinate with the counsel for the Board in order to prepare a written decision of the Board and the Chair is delegated to sign said document on behalf of the Board."

Motion passed 6-0 (Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly was not in the room for the vote).

Adjournment

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the recommended motion "that this Special Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn." Motion passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM