

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Fairfield BoE, May 22, 2018**

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Voting Summary

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 7:49PM. Present were members Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Leeper, Christine Vitale, Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Jennifer Jacobsen, Nick Aysseh and Jeff Peterson. Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly was not present. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones, members of the central office leadership team, student representatives Molly Baker, Isabella Schichter, Ted Orben and Paul Rivera, and approximately 10 members of the public.

Old Business

Approval of PK-5 Music Curriculum

Mr. Aysseh moved/Mrs. Jacobsen seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the PK-5 Music Curriculum” Motion passed 8-0.

New Business

Approval of FLHS and FWHS Window Security Project

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the plans and specifications for the FLHS and FWHS Window Security Project, State Project Numbers TMP-051-FWGJ and TMP-051-FRRN”

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mr. Aysseh seconded to amend the motion to read “that the Board of Education approve the plans and specifications for the FLHS and FWHS Window Security Project.” Motion passed 8-0.

The original motion, as amended, passed 8-0.

Superintendent’s Recommended Budget Adjustments

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mr. Peterson seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s Recommended Budget Adjustments.” Motion passed 8-0

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Special Minutes of May 8, the Regular Minutes of May 8 and the Special Minutes of May 15

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve Special Minutes of May 8, the Regular Minutes of May 8 and the Special Minutes of May 15.” Motion passed 8-0

Adjournment

Mr. Aysseh moved/Ms. Leeper seconded the recommended motion “that this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn.” Motion passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Detailed Minutes:

Student Reports

Mr. Dwyer noted that the student representatives would be presenting final reports for the year and thanked them for their valuable service to the Board. He invited them to offer final comments.

Ms. Baker and Ms. Schichter reported for FLHS: Fashion Night took place; Senior Internships begin next week; International Day takes place this week; all had fun at the Senior and Junior Proms; 102 senior and 104 junior inductees will attend the NHS induction ceremony this week – where awards and scholarships will be presented; other honor society ceremonies will also take place in the coming weeks.

Mr. Rivera and Mr. Orben reported for FWHS: Warde's Junior Prom was held last Saturday; the NHS Convention was held last week; over 700 AP tests were administered within the previous 2 weeks; the May 21 Student Rotary Luncheon honored the top ten students at FLHS, FWHS, Prep and Notre Dame; Senior Prom is June 2nd; May 4 was college shirt day; the Cinderella Project distributed donated prom-related items to a school in South Bronx; graduation takes place on June 20 and all are hoping for great weather.

Mr. Rivera enjoyed reporting to the Board and hopes to return in his senior year. He said the following 3 words got him through last year: Believe, Achieve, Succeed.

Mr. Orben said he will attend Brown University next fall, and thanked the Board for the student representative experience.

Old Business

Approval of PK-5 Music Curriculum

Mr. Aysseh moved, Mrs. Jacobsen seconded that the Board of Education approve the PK-5 Music Curriculum.

Motion Passed: 8-0

New Business

Approval of FLHS and FWHS Window Security Project

Mrs. Gerber moved, Ms. Pytko seconded that the Board of Education approve the plans and specifications for the FLHS and FWHS Window Security Project, State Project Numbers TMP-051-FWGJ and TMP-051-FRRN.

Mr. Morabito requested the removal of the state project numbers from the motion as requested by the state; the state project numbering assignment is changing. The CSDE requires the Chairman's signature; the motion is a formality required for reimbursement.

Mrs. Gerber moved, Mr. Aysseh seconded to amend the motion to read "that the Board of Education approve the plans and specifications for the FLHS and FWHS Window Security Project."

Motion Passed 8-0

The original motion, as amended, passed 8-0

Superintendent's Recommended Budget Adjustments

Mrs. Gerber moved, Mr. Peterson seconded that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Recommended Budget Adjustments.

Dr. Jones briefly reviewed the enclosure and noted that the First Selectman was aware of the changes prior to budget approval.

Motion Passed: 8-0

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Special Minutes of May 8, the Regular Minutes of May 8 and the Special Minutes of May 15

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve Special Minutes of May 8, the Regular Minutes of May 8 and the Special Minutes of May 15."

Motion Passed: 8-0

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jones reported:

- The district has been very active with end-of-year evening activities including art shows, concerts and celebrations.
- Many students will participate in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.
- Congratulations were extended to Mr. Frank Arnone for his new district position, Director of Innovation, that begins in July. The process to find a new OHS Principal will be a collaborative and inclusive process.
- The Mill Hill presentation to the RTM committee went well and the RTM vote takes place next week.
- The schedule of 2018-2019 agenda topics is being prepared and should be ready prior to the June 12 Board meeting.

Committee/Liaison Reports

Ms. Pytko reported for SEPTA: The monthly meeting takes place on May 30 and CPP will be presenting about post-high school transitions. The SEPTA resource and provider fair was successful. On Wed., May 23rd at FWHS, there will be a transition series about life after high school. Please contact Pilot House for more information on 'Camp Fun in the Sun.' On July 21, a Special Needs Caregiver Class will be offered.

Mrs. Vitale reported for the PTAC: Nominations are currently being accepted for awards that recognize outstanding community volunteers. The award ceremony will take place on June 14.

Ms. Jacobsen reported for the Policy Committee: The graduation requirements policy is scheduled for a first reading at the June 12 Board meeting. Mr. Dwyer added that this is a significant policy change based on state law and all members should review this carefully.

Mr. Peterson reported for the BOF: At the recent BOF quarterly review, the BOF raised the issue of Board agreement on the return of \$600K to the Town; and some have hinted that the robust debate over the issue was undersold.

Mr. Aysseh reported for the Holland Hill BC: A successful groundbreaking event was held.

Mr. Dwyer requested Board volunteers to serve on the Building Committees for Mill Hill and Sherman.

Open Board Comment:

Ms. Vitale said FPS students will be performing acapella at FTC and tickets are available.

Mrs. Gerber said the Music PTA Jazz Dinner Dance was incredible and there were many great items available at the silent auction.

Mrs. Jacobsen wished all a happy Memorial Day weekend in honor and memory of the veterans.

Ms. Pytko and *Mr. Peterson* attended the 'Kindness' mural unveiling at McKinley, followed by a wonderful reception and art show.

Mr. Dwyer would like everyone to see the events of tonight's awards, with the achievements of the amazing group of performers and achievers.

Adjournment

Mr. Aysseh moved, *Ms. Leeper* seconded that this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn.

Motion Passed: 8-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM

Respectfully submitted by

Jessica Gerber

Fairfield Board of Education, Secretary