

**Organizational Meeting Minutes  
Fairfield BoE, November 17, 2015**

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*Call to Order of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll Call*

Philip Dwyer called the Organizational meeting to order at 7:16 pm. Present were members Anthony Calabrese, Eileen Liu-McCormack (arrived 7:17PM), Marc Patten, Donna Karnal, Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly and John Llewellyn. Others present were Superintendent Dr. David Title, members of the central office leadership team, and approximately 20 members of the public.

Mrs. Gerber moved, Ms. Karnal seconded that in accordance with the By-Laws, Superintendent Dr. David Title will serve as Temporary Chairman/Secretary during the election of Board Officers.

**Motion Passed: 9-0**

*Election of Board Officers*

*Election of Board of Education Chairman*

Ms. Pytko moved, Mr. Patten seconded to nominate Mr. Dwyer for Chairman. Mr. Dwyer accepted.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack moved, Mr. Llewellyn seconded to nominate Ms. Karnal for Chairman. Ms. Karnal accepted.

Votes for Mr. Dwyer – 6 (Mr. Calabrese, Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly)

Votes for Ms. Karnal – 3 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn)

**Mr. Dwyer is voted in as Chairman**

*Election of Board of Education Vice Chairman*

Mrs. Gerber moved, Ms. Pytko seconded to nominate Mr. Calabrese for Vice Chairman. Mr. Calabrese accepted.

Ms. Karnal moved to nominate Mr. Llewellyn for Vice Chairman. Mr. Llewellyn accepted.

Votes for Mr. Calabrese – 6 (Mr. Calabrese, Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly)

Votes for Mr. Llewellyn – 3 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn)

**Mr. Calabrese is voted in as Vice Chairman**

*Election of Board of Education Secretary*

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved, Mr. Calabrese seconded to nominate Mrs. Gerber for Secretary. Mrs. Gerber accepted.

Votes for Mrs. Gerber – 9 (unanimous)

**Mrs. Gerber is voted in as Secretary**

The newly elected officers immediately assumed their roles.

Mr. Dwyer thanked the Board for its support and said there is lots to do. Per the Board By-Laws, notice for changes to By-laws must be given in advance. He asked that all requests for By-law changes be emailed to Meg Brown by the Thursday prior to the next meeting in December. He asked Board members to share thoughts on this.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said she would like to take a closer look at public comment.

Mr. Llewellyn said he is interested in the concept of allowing additions to agendas if 3 Board members request it.

Mr. Dwyer asked Board members to email him any requests for committee or liaison assignments and said he would go through a Board goal-setting process if the Board was interested.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack asked if she should discuss Board goals now, and Mr. Dwyer said she could present her ideas later.

*Adjournment*

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved, Mrs. Gerber seconded to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.

**Motion Passed 9-0** Meeting adjourned at 7:26PM

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Jessica Gerber, Fairfield BOE Secretary*