

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
Fairfield BoE, June 7, 2016**

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*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 7:55PM. Present were members Eileen Liu-McCormack, Marc Patten, Donna Karnal, Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Anthony Calabrese, Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly and John Llewellyn. Others present were Superintendent Dr. David Title (arrived late), Ludlowe student representatives Mihir Nene and Isabella Frango, Warde student representatives Ashley Agrello and Brittany Shuster, members of the central office leadership team, and approximately 50 members of the public.

The Board recognized the Fairfield Ludlowe High School Frisbee Club for winning the State Championship. The Club Advisor is Mr. Reindel.

*Student Reports*

Mr. Nene and Ms. Frango reported for Fairfield Ludlowe High School: Senior internships are nearly over, finals have begun, the acapella concert takes place tonight and both proms were fun and successful.

Ms. Agrello and Ms. Shuster reported for Fairfield Warde High School: The students thanked Dr. Title and Mrs. Parks for all they have done for the district; National Honor Society inductions took place; senior exams began today; both proms were successful; senior awards night and graduation take place next week.

Mrs. Gerber added that Boys Baseball and Girls Lacrosse both won games earlier in the evening and will both be in the state finals.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly mentioned that the FWHS woodworking exhibit usually takes place around this time.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack thanked the students for attending the meetings and asked for pearls of wisdom before they leave the district. Mr. Nene thanked his teachers and said they should keep doing what they have been doing; he will attend UCONN. Ms. Frango thanked the Board for the wonderful experience; she will attend Fairleigh Dickinson. Ms. Agrello and Ms. Shuster are juniors.

*Presentation*

*Demonstration of Instructional Integration of Technology through Student Work*

Mrs. Parks said student presenters will show their work and share how technology in the classroom has helped learning on many different levels. She introduced Ms. Byrnes, Manager of Information Technology. Representing the elementary level, Ms. Callahan and her students showed the Board the license plate project that used cloud-based Wixie. Students also wrote letters to Governor Malloy recommending their license plate designs and then recorded themselves reading their letters. Ms. Proskinitopoulos represented the middle school level and her students showcased the creation of a Google Site page, Google slide show, and Glogster multimedia project and video. At the high school level, Ms. King and her student presented OneNote, Google classroom and Easy bib. Each project involved independent research, writing, presentation speaking, and technical skills.

*Old Business*

*Adoption of Policies*

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved, Mrs. Gerber seconded that the Board of Education adopt policies 5144.4, 5145.511, 6121, 6171.2, 0521, 3515.”

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said the Board had no questions on these policies.

**Motion Passed: 9-0**

*Approval to Delete Policy 4400*

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved, Mrs. Gerber seconded that the Board of Education approve the deletion of Policy 4400.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly explained that this policy is contained verbatim in another policy and is redundant.

**Motion Passed: 9-0**

<i>New Business</i>
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*Approval of Plans for the Safety and Security Projects*

Mrs. Gerber moved, Mr. Calabrese seconded that the Board of Education approve the plans and specifications for the Safety and Security Projects TMP-051-VCHD/Burr Elementary School, TMP-051-KDWD/Dwight Elementary School, TMP-051-TNGL/Jennings Elementary School, TMP-051-XVNV/McKinley Elementary School, TMP-051-VPSP/Mill Hill Elementary School, TMP-051-CXVM/North Stratfield Elementary School, TMP-051-VNWS/Osborn Hill Elementary School, TMP-051-FFBN/Riverfield Elementary School, TMP-051-WDJH/Sherman Elementary School, TMP-051-FBMP/Stratfield Elementary School, TMP-051-ZJVV/Fairfield Woods Middle School, TMP-051-FFQP/Roger Ludlowe Middle School, and TMP-051-WTLQ/Tomlinson Middle School.

Mr. Morabito said this is a part of the standard process for state reimbursement, each school location must be filed separately.

Mr. Llewellyn had some questions on documents the Board received on this matter that were marked confidential. He asked if it was a RFP, as portables were mentioned. Mr. Morabito said the specification was real, the invitation to bid that was provided was just an example of a bid form; the portables that were mentioned are not applicable to this project.

Mr. Dwyer added that security upgrades for each school should not be divulged.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack confirmed with Mr. Morabito that the Board is not being asked to approve portables. He confirmed that.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly asked if it was a realistic timeline. Mr. Morabito said that would depend on state approval.

Mr. Llewellyn asked about the timeline, process and cost. Mr. Morabito said it is conceivable that work will be done in the summer; the funding for this particular project is just over a million dollars.

Mr. Dwyer said this implements the RTM's allocation of the first and second year funding of the security infrastructure. State reimbursement requires several re-affirmation votes.

Mr. Patten asked if the project was on budget. Mr. Morabito said it matches the funding that is in place, supplemental funding is needed for the remaining buildings; the approximate \$200K in state reimbursement will serve to offset a majority of that request. Initially, the project was not expected to be reimbursable but now it is.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack asked if the Board was being asked to approve all plans based on the sample document provided. Mr. Morabito said he would be happy to provide each school's plans at the Board's request but he didn't want to inundate the Board with multiple and repetitive documents.

Mr. Llewellyn asked if the project is already over-budget – will there be a re-approval? Mr. Morabito said another approval will be required when projects that are not listed are funded.

**Motion Passed: 9-0**

*Approval of Participation in the Healthy Food Certification Program*

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved, Mrs. Gerber seconded that the Board of Education approve participation in the Healthy Food Certification Program for the school year 2016-2017 with the exclusion of the sale of food and the sale of beverages not listed in section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes: (1) sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

Mrs. Munsell introduced Whitsons Food Service Employees Mr. Gersbeck, Mrs. Gersbeck and Ms. O'Malley. The Whitsons website includes an interactive nutrition calendar that totals meal calories, saturated fat and other nutrition information. Mr. Gersbeck said sushi-day has been very popular at the secondary level.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack asked what was done with the leftover uneaten fruit from student meals. Ms. O'Malley said this is not much of a problem at the elementary level, and is more of an issue at the secondary level. The secondary level has a sharing table where students can place uneaten fruit.

**Motion Passed: 9-0**

Mr. Llewellyn

- Questioned the 2% decrease in meal count as shown on the meal comparison sheet. Mr. Gersbeck said there is a slight decline in enrollment; Whitsons will incorporate student survey stations to get feedback.
- Questioned why food purchases went down. Mr. Gersbeck said this year Whitsons could manage cheese and meat purchases through bulk purchasing. Staff is also more experienced.
- Questioned why payroll and other expenses went down. Mr. Gersbeck said in addition to added experience, there were some retirements.
- Questioned the amount of district expenses and the guaranteed minimum. Mrs. Munsell said some equipment was purchased and the district was not reimbursed for Sandy expenses. There is no way to predict total district expenses for year-end. The guaranteed minimum is \$143K and has the potential to grow higher as it did this year to nearly \$175K.
- Is there a contract in place for next year? What will the guaranteed minimum be? Mrs. Munsell said the contract for next year is in process.

Ms. Karnal asked if fruit and water come with the meal. Ms. O'Malley said yes, this is a requirement under the federal regulations; students are aware of this requirement. Milk or juice is offered with the meal; bottled water is not included as potable water is available.

Ms. Pytko asked if signage exists in the lunchroom for the students and was told yes. Mrs. Munsell said a sample meal is on display for the students.

Mr. Patten asked if signage alerts students to the option of unlimited fruit and vegetable offerings. Ms. O'Malley said yes. Mr. Patten asked if food service equipment repairs are always included in the food service district expenses, not the operating budget, and Mrs. Munsell said yes.

Mr. Dwyer confirmed with Mrs. Munsell that if the \$80K in column 4 were the actual year-end number, that would add to the operating surplus for food services.

Mr. Patten asked if the surplus could only be used for food service items and repairs and Mrs. Munsell said yes.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack asked about recycling fruits at the elementary level and Ms. O'Malley said she plans to work on that next year. Currently, the unused fruit has to be thrown away, but CT legislation is in the works to so that it can be donated to food shelters. Regulations don't prohibit the middle schools from using baskets for students to either place or take appropriately packaged fruit.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly clarified that since there is no increase in lunch prices, no vote is required.

*First Reading of Policies 3170, 3542.33, 4111.1, 4112.5, and 4212.5*

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said these policy changes are due to compliance.

Mr. Llewellyn said it seems that policy 3170a that gives the ability to transfer more than \$10K is dictating the need to allocate funds up front, which is in opposition to what was said at the last meeting. Dr. Title said the only change in this policy is adding a line that was added to the statute that says we have to inform the Town, where it used to be the Board of Finance. As related to the 16/17 budget, we will actually under expend, not over expend; nothing has to be done.

<i>Approval of Minutes</i>
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*Approval of the Minutes of the May 5, 2016 Regular Meeting*

Mrs. Gerber moved, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2016.

**Motion Passed: 6-3**

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

Oppose: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn

*Approval of the Minutes of the May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting*

Mrs. Gerber moved, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2016.

Mr. Llewellyn said the minutes did not reflect the exchange that occurred at the beginning related to public comment - an individual wanted to speak about the textbook but was told speak at the time of the vote. He read the public comment bylaw and felt the person should have been allowed to speak.

Mr. Dwyer said the intent of the bylaw revision was to have discussion item comments at the beginning of the meeting and voting item comments at the time of the vote.

Mr. Llewellyn moved, Ms. Karnal seconded to amend the minutes by adding, on page one, just before "Old Business", "Mr. Dwyer stated a member of the public could not make comment on a voting item during public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Llewellyn questioned the ruling, stating it did not conform to the bylaws. Mr. Dwyer overruled and did not allow public comment."

Mr. Llewellyn said published bylaws don't speak to intent. He re-read the bylaw.

Ms. Karnal asked why the person was stopped from speaking. Mr. Dwyer said the process that is now followed is due to the last adoption of the bylaws, which was done around January 2016.

Mr. Llewellyn asked Mr. Dwyer if his recollection was that he has followed this process since January and Mr. Dwyer said it was.

**Motion to Amend Failed: 3-6**

Favor: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn

Oppose: Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

Mrs. Liu-McCormack moved, Mr. Llewellyn seconded to amend the minutes by adding the language in red:

"Mrs. Liu-McCormack questioned if 1 or 2 months of data would be sufficient for Mr. Wakeman to put some data

together and wondered about amending her motion. **We have not had a full presentation on rationale for purchasing this book. I withdraw the motion and would amend it.**

Mr. Dwyer noted that since the motion is now the Board's, a vote is required on the current motion before fashioning another. **We need to act on that motion then you can amend.**

Ms. Karnal said the Board last voted on this in 2011 and she doesn't see the need to rush the purchase. Mr. Dwyer said the Board has looked at various math topics over the years and he is ready to act.

Motion Failed: **Vote is to postpone vote indefinitely: 3-6**

Favor: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn

Oppose: Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

**Mr. Dwyer –Back to the Main Motion**

**Mrs. Liu-McCormack –I would like to make a motion (59:48)**

**Calabrese – I would like to Call to Question (59:50)**

**Mrs. Liu-McCormack - Mr. Dwyer, I wanted to make a motion but you would not let me and told me to wait. So I waited and I wanted to make the motion to change it to a date certain.**

**Mr. Dwyer- Well there has been a motion to ....**

**Mrs. Liu-McCormack – I bet him when I called the motion before he called “Call to Question.”**

**Mr. Calabrese – We disagree.**

**Mrs. Liu-McCormack - We can go back to the tape to see it.**

**Mr. Dwyer – Does not acknowledge that Mrs. McCormack made motion first and he states that there has been a motion to Call to Question. He asks Mrs. Gerber to second that.**

**Mrs. Liu-McCormack – She can second my motion.**

**Mrs. Gerber – Instead, she seconds the motion to Call to Question**

**Mr. Dwyer – A motion to Call to Question is not debatable. That will end debate on this particular motion then we can take action directly to the main motion to Approve Bridges 2nd edition for the elementary math curriculum.**

**Mr. Llewellyn- You are calling to question specifically what?**

**Mr. Dwyer – That the board of education approve Bridges 2nd edition as the recommended elementary math textbook. That is the question on the table.**

**Mrs. Liu-McCormack – I want to call a Point of Order.**

**Mr. Dwyer – All those in favor please raise your hands.**

**Mr. Calabrese moved, Mrs. Gerber seconded to call the question.**

**Motion Passed: Call to Question Motion Vote 6-3”**

Mrs. Liu-McCormack said the point remains that a whole series of motions was not recorded – a problem that should be called out and recognized.

Mr. Llewellyn agreed.

Mrs. Gerber said the language is not correct, it does not accurately represent what was said, and it is a transcript.

Mr. Patten added that when someone calls the question – all activity stops and it doesn't matter what anyone else says; he does not support the amendment.

Mr. Llewellyn asked if he looked at the time of Mrs. Liu-McCormack's comments and said that she spoke first.

Mr. Dwyer added that some Board members speak when they have not been recognized.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack said she wanted to convey and emphasize the discretion of the Chair to overrule and call to question – without respecting the community or Board members.

**Motion to Amend Failed: 3-6**

Favor: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn

Oppose: Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

Ms. Karnal moved, Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the minutes on the top of page 3 from:

"Ms. Karnal said the Board last voted on this in 2011 and she doesn't see the need to rush the purchase. ", to

"Ms. Karnal said the Board last voted on this in 2011 so why would we rush into purchasing the wrong book."

Ms. Karnal thanked Mrs. Gerber for checking the tape, and Mrs. Gerber said she appreciated the timely notice of the amendment.

**Motion to Amend Passed: 9-0**

**Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2016 as Amended Passed: 7-2**

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

Oppose: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Llewellyn

*Approval of the Minutes of the May 25, 2016 Special Meeting*

Mrs. Gerber moved, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 25, 2016.

Mr. Llewellyn moved, Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the minutes by striking the first sentence on page 3 and replacing it with: "Mr. Llewellyn wanted to avoid assumptions and ensure that the new contract specifies that Dr. Title would be moving to the new insurance plan, Partnership 2.0, as all employees in Central Office will be doing as of July 1, 2016."

Mr. Llewellyn wanted to include the specificity of moving to the Partnership Plan.

**Motion to Amend Failed: 3-5**

Favor: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn

Oppose: Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko

*Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly was not in the room for the vote.*

Mr. Llewellyn moved, Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the minutes by striking the 5<sup>th</sup> sentence on page 3, starting with "Mr. Llewellyn asked.." and replacing it with: "Mr. Llewellyn asked how the \$483.17 raise would calculate into overall retirement benefits, does it extend in perpetuity? He is concerned about costing the state taxpayers an incremental percent of the almost \$6,000. To avoid ambiguity, we can accomplish the same thing but not possibly put the burden on the state taxpayers."

Mr. Llewellyn said this adds to his intent and eliminates the ambiguity regarding the costs in perpetuity.

Mr. Dwyer said he opposes the motion, these questions came up and he communicated this all to the Board – the move to the Partnership 2.0 and the zero impact of the raise.

Mr. Llewellyn said this was communicated after the meeting and the minutes should reflect the knowledge at the time.

**Motion to Amend Failed: 3-5-1**

Favor: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn

Oppose: Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko

Abstain: Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

Mr. Llewellyn moved, Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the minutes by striking the 7<sup>th</sup> sentence on page 3,

starting with “Mr. Llewellyn said...” and replacing it with: “Mr. Llewellyn said that no one can answer if the incremental \$6,000 times whatever the multiplier is for retirement will go into perpetuity or not. So, if the intent is another \$483 then I would think this board would be indifferent, and to be more conservative give the \$483 as a bonus rather than take the risk that \$6,000 would go into perpetuity.”

Mr. Llewellyn says this has a different essence from what was written, and the minutes from 4 years ago are much different.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly defers to the secretary. She added that there was a change in the bylaws and this is reflected in how the minutes are written today versus before.

Mrs. Gerber said that she did have a chance to review what was said and that Mr. Llewellyn is including a lot more detail than she thinks is necessary. Also, the very next day, information was made available that made it abundantly clear that there would be no cost in perpetuity and she doesn’t see the need to keep hammering this out.

Mr. Dwyer said this is a continuation of the debate on minutes.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack said the minutes should accurately reflect the moment and not be colored by future events – she said a transcription service should be investigated.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly appreciates what has been pointed out, but the Board must accept a slightly muted shade of color – otherwise we need a transcription service. She does not support the amendment.

Mrs. Karnal said it is unfair to vote on something without all the information.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack asked if anyone had looked into the costs of a transcription service

Mrs. Gerber said a transcription service has been investigated and is approximately \$1300 per meeting – minimum and could be more if Board members talk a lot.

Mr. Llewellyn said the concept was to make it a bonus rather than a raise and the purpose was to avoid burdening the state taxpayers.

**Motion to Amend Failed: 3-5-1**

Favor: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn

Oppose: Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly

Abstain: Mr. Patten

**Original Motion to Approve the May 25 Special Meeting Minutes Passed: 6-3**

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

Oppose: Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn

<i>Superintendent Report</i>
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*Update on District-Wide Initiatives*

Dr. Title first congratulated the FWHS Baseball team and the FWHS Girls Lacrosse teams, both are going to the finals. He then presented the 2015-2016 District-Wide Initiatives Update and said he is pleased with the progress. This is the first time the initiatives have been tied to the District Improvement Plan. Six initiatives do not fall within the Specific Actions of the District Improvement Plan, but are still being done. Initiatives that are in progress will be carried over into the next year. He also reviewed this with Dr. Tracy and he will have a hand in where we are headed next year. Some are multi-year initiatives. Single year initiatives that are complete become part of standard operating procedures, rather than being change initiatives.

Mr. Dwyer thanked Dr. Title for the report covering a year’s worth of work.

Mr. Patten thanked Dr. Title.

- In #24 – what level science teachers and what is next for online training? Mrs. Parks said she has a connection with Pfizer in developing training for secondary teachers; online module review and feedback are next.
- In #25 – Is thrilled to see this and he thanked Ms. Leonardi. Ms. Leonardi thanked the Board and said ESS offers a higher level of therapeutic care and support for students. Data reports should be ready at the end of school; first-year data looks positive. There is potential to move this to the middle schools.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly thanked Dr. Title for the report.

- In #6, do you see Capstone impacting graduation requirements? Dr. Boice said not yet, that is a few years away.
- To what degree is Capstone tied to newly passed Mission and Goals? Dr. Boice said all are aligned to the academic expectations rubric which is tied to the Mission and Goals.
- In #28, all policies will only be available online – no more binders or paper updates.

Mr. Llewellyn asked if the entire Board could be copied on extensive responses and Dr. Title said yes.

- In #32, were folks in the district that shouldn't be? Dr. Title said that every referral is investigated and it is time consuming and laborious; we may want to employ another person or firm to outsource this. The other issue is tightening registration; it is hard to legally unregister someone who is already in; it is much better to address at the time of registration. Mrs. Parks added that registration information was previously entered inconsistently, but is now centralized. There have been several residence hearings that we have won, but it is a huge amount of work – she commended the staff, the registrar and the kindergarten registration secretaries. The Board of Health is helpful with determining how many people can live at one address; daily surveillance is sometimes required. Anonymous tips come in from the community. Mr. Cullen said approximately 60 successful investigations are done each year. Mr. Llewellyn felt this is a good investment.

Mr. Calabrese wanted to gauge the Board's opinion and interest on #14 – and asked about the non-resident tuition and the expected timeline. Ms. Leonardi said tuition would be equal to the rate of CES, approximately \$60K per student. Additional ESS time in the building might be needed. Students would be placed throughout the year. Marketing materials have to be developed; the students would need to be assessed by PPT from both districts.

Ms. Pytko asked if the students would be from the same or different districts, and how would this impact transportation? Ms. Leonardi said students would come from multiple districts; transportation would be provided by the sending district.

Mrs. Gerber asked if these students would take the place of Fairfield students. Ms. Leonardi and Ms. Donowitz said no; other districts have reached out to us for this model.

- How would you address a high demand for those 5 spots, would you meet with each student? Ms. Leonardi said it would all start with paperwork – once the cap of 5 is reached, we would not look further.
- Is the goal to eventually have that student return to their home district or graduate? Ms. Donowitz said the goal is a high school diploma.

Mrs. Maxon-Kenelly said her initial reaction is very favorable. She asked if Fairfield had received inquiries throughout the year to attend this program. Dr. Title said yes, from smaller districts. The expected revenue would partly address the ECS cut. The WFC program has come a long way under Gayle's leadership. The current tuition policy would have to change; a motion could be crafted to approve this at the next meeting. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said Policy 3230 would have to be changed - what controls do we have over who comes in to the district? Ms. Leonardi said contract language would allow a student to transition out if the placement is not working. Ms. Donowitz said districts are accustomed to such agreements.

At 10:52PM, Mr. Patten moved, Ms. Karnal seconded to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:15PM.

**Motion Passed: 9-0**

Mr. Patten said kudos to Dr. Title for this type of thinking and he feels it is good for the community.



Ms. Karnal asked about the average cost of an outplacement. Ms. Leonardi said the cost can range from \$60K to \$250K. Small class sizes would be needed with strong mental health supports and positive behavioral supports.

Mrs. Liu-McCormack asked if this is similar to a therapeutic day school. Ms. Leonardi said no.

- Who are we targeting? Ms. Leonardi said bright and capable students who benefit from positive behavioral supports.
- Is this envisioned as a first step? Ms. Leonardi said this is a model that can be sustained and is an opportunity to explore a revenue source.
- Have we ever done this? Ms. Leonardi said this was previously done around 17 years ago for deaf education.
- Asked about the ratio of Fairfield vs. non-Fairfield students in the program. Ms. Leonardi said the contract language allows for students to transition out; the Board can decide the required ratio of Fairfield students, but she anticipates an ongoing need for this program for Fairfield students.

Mr. Llewellyn asked if this would be tracked in a separate fund. Dr. Title said it would be revenue. Ms. Munsell said that it could be set up separately.

- What is the notice period if a selection doesn't work out? Ms. Leonardi said the standard practice is 30 days.
- Would these students receive ESS services, and could there be tier pricing? Ms. Leonardi said yes to both.
- Is WFC good enough to accept these students? Ms. Leonardi said students and parents are pleased; there is plenty of work to be done, but through all the work that has been done, the program is getting positive attention from Fairfield County districts. The first priority is Fairfield students; school improvement data is being prepared.

Mr. Dwyer likes the idea and it is also a revenue generator. He would like the Board to act on this at the next meeting and Dr. Title said he could prepare something in writing.

Mr. Llewellyn said with rolling admissions, there is no need to rush to act. He feels this was shoehorned into this meeting.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly said she resents the word shoehorn, it is simple math, there has been a 40 minute discussion on this item, let's bring it forward and make a decision.

Mr. Llewellyn said this Board can't do simple math.

Ms. Pytko said she is happy with this update, and pointed out the HYA staff survey showed that 80% of the teachers wanted more input and she hopes that gets included in the District Improvement Plan.

Mr. Dwyer asked the Board to read the Holland Hill Building Committee Minutes.

<i>Adjournment</i>
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Meeting adjourned automatically at 11:15 PM.

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