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MEETING NOTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Philip Dwyer called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. Board members present were Mrs. Eileen Liu-McCormack (arrived 8:45PM), Mr. Marc Patten, Ms. Donna Karnal, Mrs. Jessica Gerber, Mr. Philip Dwyer, Mr. Paul Fattibene, Mrs. Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly and Mr. John Llewellyn. Mr. John Convertito was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. David Title, members of Central Office Administrative Staff and approximately 75 members of the public.

Old Business

Approval of Policy 5330 – Students – Code of Behavior – Bullying/Teen Dating Violence

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve Policy 5330 – Students – Code of Behavior – Bullying/Teen Dating Violence ***as amended (below)***” Motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Fattibene moved/Mr. Llewellyn seconded to amend the policy by changing the language on Page 4, section 4 to read, “Requires the safe school climate specialist to investigate or supervise the investigation of all reports of bullying and/or teen dating violence and ensure that such investigation is completed promptly after receipt of any written report made under this section and that the parents or guardians of the student alleged to have committed an act or acts of bullying and the parent or guardians of the student against whom such alleged act or acts were directed receive notice, no later than three school days, that such investigation has commenced.” Motion failed 4-4 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against).

Mr. Llewellyn made a friendly amendment to amend the policy and change the language on page 6, section 17 to read “Requires, at the beginning of each school year, for each school to provide all school employees with a written or electronic copy of the district’s Safe School Climate Plan”. The Board approved this by unanimous consent.

Mr. Llewellyn made a friendly amendment to amend the policy by moving the last paragraph on page 6 to the end of the “preamble”, just before “Definitions.” The Board approved this by unanimous consent.

Approval of the Safe School Climate Plan – Creating and Sustaining Supportive and Engaging Schools – Version 2.0

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion, “that the Board of Education approve the Safe School Climate Plan – Creating and Sustaining Supportive and Engaging Schools – Version 2.0”. Motion passed 8-0.

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New Business

Establish Date and Time of Fairfield Ludlowe High School and Fairfield Warde High School Graduation

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mr. Patten seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education establish June 17 at 6:00PM as the date and time of graduation for Fairfield Ludlowe High School and Fairfield Warde High School.” Motion passed 8-0.

Presentation and Submission Approval of the Teacher Evaluation Plan

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennely seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Fairfield teacher Evaluation Plan to the CT State department of Education.” Motion passed 6-2 (Mr. Patten, Ms. Karnal, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fattibene, Mrs. Maxon-Kennely in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack and Mr. Llewellyn opposed).

Mr. Fattibene moved/Mr. Llewellyn seconded to postpone discussion of the District Improvement Plan to the next Board meeting on 4/21/15. Motion passed 8-0.

At 10:59PM, Mrs. Maxon-Kennely moved/Ms. Karnal seconded to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:20PM. Motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Fattibene moved “that any Board of Education member may access and inspect public records of the School District upon request and reasonable notice and by making arrangements for access and inspection during regular school hours with the Superintendent or his designee or upon other acceptable arrangements, and that the Superintendent shall notify all Board of Education members of all such requests.”

Mr. Dwyer ruled that Mr. Fattibene’s motion was out of order because it violated the Board’s bylaws.

Mr. Fattibene made a motion to challenge the ruling of the Chair. Motion failed 4-4 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Maxon-Kennely against).

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 11:20PM