

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
Fairfield BoE; December 13, 2016**

**Call to order of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education and Roll Call**

Chairman Philip Dwyer called the Special meeting to order at 7:33PM. Present were members Eileen Liu-McCormack (arrived 7:42), Marc Patten (arrived 7:37), Donna Karnal, Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Anthony Calabrese (arrived 7:57), Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly and John Llewellyn. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones, FLHS student representatives Catherine Behjati and Sean Oppenheimer; FWHS student representatives Brittany Shuster and Ashley Agrello; members of the central office leadership team, and approximately 25 members of the public.

**Old Business**

**Approval of the Policy 5141.3, Students – Health Assessments and Immunizations**

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Ms. Karnal seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve Policy 5141.3, Students – Health Assessments and Immunizations” Motion passed 9-0

**New Business**

**District-Wide Radon Testing**

Mrs. Gerber moved/Ms. Pytko seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the district-wide radon five-year re-evaluation testing per State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health requirements.” Motion passed 9-0.

**Approval of Fairfield Warde High School Re-roof Project TMP-051-0123 RR**

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education accept the Fairfield Warde High School Re-roof Project TMP-051-0123 RR as complete.” Motion passed 9-0.

**Approval of the CSDE Authorized Signature Change Form for the Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education**

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Signature Change Form for the Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education as enclosed.” Motion passed 9-0.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Education By-Law  
Amendments**

**Amendment #1**

***To amend the Bylaw:***

**ARTICLE V.**

**SECTION6: PUBLIC COMMENT(9325)**

***And add the following language:***

***B. Town Hall meetings***

***In the interest of giving the public the opportunity to comment on a wider range of issues other than those on Regular BoE meeting agendas, the Board will hold semiannual Town Hall meetings to be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. The agenda of these meetings will be a “discussion of facilities, finances and programs” of Fairfield Public Schools.***

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mr. Patten seconded to approve Amendment #1 as shown on Enclosure 7, dated December 13, 2016. Mr. Llewellyn made a friendly amendment to add a comma following “Town Hall meetings”; the Board accepted the amendment. The motion, as amended, passed 9-0.

**Amendment #2**

***To amend the Bylaw as indicated below:***

**ARTICLE V.**

**SECTION6: PUBLIC COMMENT(9325)**

***A. Public comment on Agenda Items***

***As a means of encouraging public participation during Board meetings, the Chairman shall solicit comments from the public with regard to agenda items, as proposed or amended, that the Board will be discussing and/or will be acting upon by vote. The Chairman may limit Public Comment in any manner appropriate to the orderly and efficient conduct of Board meetings. The following parameters will pertain to Public Comment:***

- 1. Up to three (3) minutes may be allotted to each speaker. The Chair may modify this limitation at the beginning of a meeting if the number of persons wishing to speak makes it advisable to do so.**
- 2. A member of the public can only speak to a topic once at a meeting. Public Comment on agenda items will take place at the beginning and end of the meeting. Public Comment on Old Business ~~and New Business~~ will also take place following Board discussion of those items and prior to when any vote is taken**

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded to approve Amendment #2 as shown on Enclosure 7, dated December 13, 2016. Motion passed 7-2 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Patten, Ms. Karnal, Mrs. Gerber, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese against).

### **Amendment #3**

**To amend the Bylaw to add a second "Public Comment" as #12., and change "Adjournment" to #13, as shown below.**

### **ARTICLE V.**

#### **SECTION4: ORDER OF BUSINESS(9325.2)**

- 1. The agenda at each Regular Meeting shall be:**
  - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
  - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - 3. Student Reports**
  - 4. Public Comment**
  - 5. Presentations**
  - 6. Old Business**
  - 7. New Business**
  - 8. Approval of Minutes**
  - 9. Superintendent's Report**
  - 10. Committee/Liaison Report**
  - 11. Open Board Comment**
  - 12. Public Comment**
  - 13. Adjournment**

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded to approve Amendment #3 as shown on Enclosure 7, dated December 13, 2016. Mr. Llewellyn made a friendly amendment to switch #11 and #12 in the

"Order of Business", the Board did not accept the amendment. Mr. Llewellyn moved/Ms. Karnal seconded to amend the amendment and make "Public Comment" #11 and "Open Board Comment" #12. Motion failed 3-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against.)  
Original motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to add an item to the agenda – the discussion of amending the Holland Hill Ed Specs from 504 to 462. Motion failed 3-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against.)

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 10, 2016, Special Meeting of November 15, 2016 and Regular Meeting of November 15, 2016**

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 10, 2016, the Special Meeting of November 15, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2016. Motion passed 6-1-2 (Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly in favor; Ms. Karnal against; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Llewellyn abstained).

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:20PM. Motion failed 5-3-1 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko against; Ms. Karnal abstained).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 11:00PM