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**Regular Meeting Notes  
Fairfield BoE; December 8, 2015**

**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 7:32PM. Present were members Eileen Liu-McCormack (arrived 8:28PM), Marc Patten, Donna Karnal (arrived 8:28PM), Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Anthony Calabrese, Trisha Pytko, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly and John Llewellyn. Others present were Superintendent Dr. David Title, 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.

**Approval of Minutes**

***Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2015 Organizational Meeting***

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of November 17, 2015." Motion passed 9-0

***Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting***

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2015."

Mrs. Liu-McCormack moved/Mr. Llewellyn seconded to amend the minutes by adding (on page 6, last sentence, first paragraph, following the word "considered") the phrase: "Will there be Lucy Calkins or Orton Gillingham oriented programs?"

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).

Mrs. Liu-McCormack moved/Mr. Llewellyn seconded to amend the minutes by replacing (on page 6 under "Superintendent's Report") the phrase "as is her wishful thinking" with the phrase "as this is my third year of wishful thinking."

Motion failed 2-6-1 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against; Ms. Karnal abstained).

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Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the minutes by replacing the sentence (on page 3, under "Approval of Redistricting Guidelines): "Mr. Dwyer asked if the intent was to define functional capacity and Mr. Llewellyn said no," with the sentence, "Mr. Dwyer asked if the intent was to define functional capacity and Mr. Llewellyn said when looking at CAFE article about declining enrollment across the entire state in all but 16 towns and we have seen declining population within our own school system, we should not be drawing a hard cut at 90 %. No, I am not trying to define functional capacity at all, that is outside the slope of what we are talking about here."

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).

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the minutes by replacing the sentence (on page 7, under "Open Board Comment"): "Mr. Llewellyn said he has received a number of calls regarding iReady, and that parents are receiving different information. He felt the results should be shared with parents and the district should provide a presentation on this," with the sentence: "Mr. Llewellyn said he has received a number of calls regarding iReady and that parents are receiving different information. He felt that results from Student Profile Reports that provide fair amount of detail as well as matrices of how students fall both within and outside the district should be shared with parents and the district should provide a presentation on this."

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).

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly made a friendly amendment to delete the word "went" (page 1, under "Student Reports"). Approved by unanimous consent. Motion to approve the minutes as amended passed 6-3 (Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn against)

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00PM