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

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, 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.

Old Business

Adoption of the following policies:

Adoption of Policy 5144.4 – Students – Discipline, Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students (Mandated Policy)

Adoption of Policy 5145.511 – Students –Exploitation, Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program (Mandated Policy)

Adoption of Policy 6121 –Instruction–Special Education, Preschool Education (Mandated Policy)

Adoption of Policy 6171.2 –Instruction–Nondiscrimination in the Instructional Program (Mandated Policy)

Adoption of Policy 0521 – Mission – Goals – Objectives –Nondiscrimination

Adoption of Policy 3515 – Business/Non-Instructional – Community Use of Facilities

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education adopt policies 5144.4, 5145.511, 6121, 6171.2, 0521, 3515.” Motion passed 9-0.

Approve the deletion of Policy 4400 –Personnel– Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the deletion of Policy 4400.” Motion passed 9-0.

New Business

Approval for Plans for the Safety and Security Projects

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mr. Calabrese seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the plans and specifications for the

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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”

Motion passed 9-0.

Approval of Participation in the Healthy Food Certification Program

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion “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.” Motion passed 9-0.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the May 5, 2016 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 May 5, 2016.” Motion 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).

Approval of the Minutes of the May 17, 2016 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 May 17, 2016.”

Mr. Llewellyn moved/ Ms. Karnal seconded to amend the minutes by adding, on page one, just before “Old Business”, “Mr. Dwyer stated that a member of the public could not comment on a voting item during public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Llewellyn questioned the ruling, stating it did not confirm to the public comment bylaw. Mr. Dwyer overruled him and did not allow the person to speak.” Motion to amend the minutes failed 3-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs.

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Maxon-Kennelly against)

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.

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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**"

Motion to amend the minutes 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)

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."

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2016 as amended passed 7-2. (Mr. Patten, Ms. Karnal, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Llewellyn against).

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

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion "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."

Motion failed 3-5 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor, Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko against. 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 5th 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

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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."

Motion failed 3-5-1 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor, Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko against. Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly abstained).

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the minutes by striking the 7th 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 than 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."

Motion failed 3-5-1 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Pytko, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against; Mr. Patten abstained).

Original motion to approve the May 25 minutes 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).

At 10:52PM, Mr. Patten moved/Ms. Karnal seconded to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:15PM. Motion passed 9-0.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned automatically at 11:15PM