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**Regular Meeting Notes
Fairfield BoE; January 29, 2014**

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 7:40PM. Present were members Eileen Liu-McCormack, John Convertito, Donna Karnal (left the meeting at 8:40PM), Jessica Gerber, Philip Dwyer, Paul Fattibene, Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly, John Llewellyn and Marc Patten. Others present were Dr. Title, members of the central office leadership team, student representatives Tyler Shuster, Max Kutsch and Suzanne Finnerty, and approximately 100 members of the public.

Old Business

Approval of By-Law Amendment: Article VI

Mr. Patten moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the By-Law amendment to Article VI, per Enclosure No. 1"

Mr. Fattibene moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to postpone the motion indefinitely. Motion failed 4-4 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Fattibene, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Convertito against. Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote.)

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mr. Fattibene seconded to postpone the motion to the next Regular Board meeting. Motion passed 8-0. (Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote)

New Business

Approval of Technology Grant Proposal

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mr. Patten seconded the recommended motion, "that the Board of Education approve the Technology Grant Proposal, RFP#813" Motion passed 8-0. (Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote)

Adoption of a Recommended Budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve an operating budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$----- as presented, to be forwarded to the Town of Fairfield."

Amendments

Mr. Dwyer moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded to amend the Superintendent's proposed operating budget for 2015-2016 by reducing the pension account by \$293,000 and increasing the health insurance

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Mrs. Liu-McCormack moved/Mr. Llewellyn seconded to amend the Superintendent's proposed operating budget for 2015-2016 by reducing the budget by:

\$45,000 for cutting the color copy budget in half

\$151,377 for cutting Pre-K busing

\$13,765 for cutting replacement of the Jennings Media Center Carpet

\$20,707 for cutting replacement of the FLHS Carpet (excluding the Wright House Office)

\$40,000 for cutting the FLHS Key Unification

\$43,738 for cutting the Administrator at WFC

\$155,519 for cutting the Special Ed Coordinator

Totaling: \$470,106

And increasing the budget by:

\$22,700 for adding 2nd and 4th grade Gifted assessment

\$51,691 by adding 5th grade music

\$40,000 by adding MS Gifted Program Commitment

\$232,610 by adding 2 days/week for 4th and 5th grade world language

\$109,844 by adding 2 days/week for 3rd grade world language

Totaling \$456,845

Motion failed 2-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Convertito, Mr. Fattibene, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against. Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote)

The original motion, "that the Board of Education approve an operating budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$160,848,061 as presented, to be forwarded to the Town of Fairfield." Passed 6-2 (Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Convertito, Mr. Fattibene, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Llewellyn against. Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gerber moved/Mr. Patten seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2014" Motion passed 5-3 (Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Convertito, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn against. Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote).

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Mrs. Gerber moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015" Motion passed 5-3 (Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Convertito, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn against. Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote).

At 10:55PM, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded to suspend the rules and extend to 11:15PM. Motion passed 7-1 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Patten, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fattibene, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Convertito against. Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote).

Adjournment

Mr. Convertito moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion "that this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn". Motion passed 8-0 (Ms. Karnal was not present for the vote). Meeting adjourned 11:10PM.