

Fairfield Board Of Education

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Stevenson School - Library

15 Knoll Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004

The meeting will be called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m., by Mrs. Stacy Aschenbach, Board President, by reading the following announcement to those present:

“The public has been duly informed of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by posting, at least 48 hours in advance, a notice on the bulletin boards in Stevenson and Churchill Schools, a notice to the Township Clerk, and a notice to The Progress Newspaper.”

Please join us now for the Pledge of Allegiance . . .

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Brian Egan, Mr. Pat Freda, Mrs. Andrea Jandoli,
Mr. Thomas Patierno and Mrs. Stacy Aschenbach, President
Ms. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent of Schools, and
Mr. William Stepka, Board Secretary/School Business Admin.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT I ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (if any)

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- ESEA Waiver Results Explanation (See attachment)

Annual Progress Targets

This table represents the annual proficiency targets, established for Fairfield under ESEA Waiver

Preliminary District Profiles for 2013.

This table represents the participation and performance determinations for Fairfield under ESEA Flexibility.

I. ENROLLMENT:

Grade/School	Total Students 6/21/13 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)	Total Students 2/21/14 (Spec. Ed. Incl.)
Preschool D & I & MD	19	21
K – Stevenson	81	64
1 – Stevenson	92	84
2 – Stevenson	87	93
3 – Stevenson	100	88
4 – Churchill	94	97
5 – Churchill	101	96
6 – Churchill	114	100
Total:	688	643
Out of District 5	#240, #241, #292, #337 #342	

II. PERSONNEL-INSTRUCTIONAL

A. Leave of Absence Replacement Teacher Approval

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lindsay Dykenga as a maternity leave of absence replacement teacher for Mrs. Nazarian, from approximately April 7, 2014 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year, based on the Step 1, B.A. degree level of the teachers’ contract.

<u>Introduced by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
Mr. Egan:	Mr. Patierno:
Mr. Freda:	Mrs. Aschenbach:
Mrs. Jandoli:	

III. PERSONNEL-NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

A. Increase in Hourly Rate

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an increase from \$15.00 per hour to \$17.00 per hour (for holding a teaching certificate), retroactive to January 2, 2014, for instructional aide, Megan Zincone.

B. Employment

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Renee Russo as a playground/cafeteria aide at Churchill School, @ \$10.50 per hour, pending receipt of all documentation, including criminal history review approval

Non-Instructional Personnel Recommendations:

<u>Introduced by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
Mr. Egan:	Mr. Patierno:
Mr. Freda:	Mrs. Aschenbach:
Mrs. Jandoli:	

IV. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

A. Good News

A new laptop cart with two dozen Chromebook computers was implemented in grade 4 to mainly use for Achieve 3000 reading and writing in language arts.

During the 4th grade field trip to Montclair State, the class was very interested in the connections of physics & juggling. They took out books on the subject during their next library session.

In 4th Grade HEP, they just completed their "Inventions" unit with the culminating activity of inventing a machine that would be useful when they colonize Mars or any other planet. The students followed the steps of inventing which include creating a breadboard, prototype, name, trademark, and writing why the machine is needed, how it works, and how they would package and market it. They also visited the U.S. Office of Patents and Trademarks website to learn the process (and expense!) of filing for a patent.

In 5th Grade HEP, the students have been immersed in their unit of "Architecture". Through books, pictures, websites, and Google Maps, they traveled back in time and around the world to learn about ancient Greek and Roman architecture, contemporary skyscrapers, and so much in between. They will also be investigating the lives and designs of two famous architects, Frank Lloyd Wright and Buckminster Fuller. All of the information has been collected by each student in an "Architecture Dictionary." They had a local architect to speak to our class about his education, projects, and how a building moves from an idea to an actual structure.

The Student Council voted unanimously to take part in a pull-tab collection to support the Ronald McDonald House. This collection will begin in April and run through the end of the year

Continued use of Achieve 3000 is occurring. Much exposure to informational texts, comparing text-to-text, and PARCC like lessons are continuously being taught.

Churchill School library students have been presenting READERS' THEATER scripts that were created by former graduates of Churchill School. Readers' Theater increases fluency, expression, and understanding of literary work.

Stevenson School students participated in the Reading Olympics. Students read for the month of February to earn gold, silver, or bronze metals. On February 28th, students had the opportunity to engage in fun Olympic theme activities throughout the school.

The new lab at Stevenson is now operational. Grade 3 students have been using the lab to practice PARCC computer features such as, highlighting, using a number line, and crossing out. Students will take a practice PARCC test next week and participate in Language Arts field testing on the 24th, 25th and 26th.

Teachers participated in training on the common core, sponsored by Essex Fells Public Schools. The speaker was Tracey Severns, Chief Academic Officer for the State of New Jersey. Teachers also participated in PD on the new teacher evaluation model and Everyday Mathematics.

On March 7th, John Marshall, CBS News Meteorologist, visited Stevenson School. Students learned about weather, maps and symbols and green screen technology. Two students from each class also had an opportunity to do the weather with Mr. Marshall. Mr. Marshall gave Stevenson School a live “shout out” on the Sunday morning news.

B. Professional Development Workshop Approval

Recommended Motion: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve attendance at the following workshops and also approve the reimbursement, of registration and/or mileage, etc expenses to be made, pending completion of the workshops and submission of the travel reports.

Staff	Workshop	Date	Place	Regis./Lodging
L. Booth	Bullying, Harassment, and students w/disabilities	3/24/14	Monroe, NJ	\$150

<u>Introduced by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
Mr. Egan:	Mr. Patierno:
Mr. Freda:	Mrs. Aschenbach:
Mrs. Jandoli:	

V. SUBSTITUTES

Recommended Motion: that the Fairfield Board of Education approve the following fully qualified teacher substitute for the 2013-2014 school year, effective March 19, 2014, pending receipt of all required documentation, including Criminal History Review.

Gianna DePaul	Teacher (aide employee)
Corey Cousoulis	Teacher/Aide – County Cert.
Renee Russo	Classroom Aide (PG/C employee)
Rosalie Lepinsky	Teacher

Substitute recommendations:

Introduced by:	Seconded by:
Mr. Egan:	Mr. Patierno:
Mr. Freda:	Mrs. Aschenbach:
Mrs. Jandoli:	

3. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE (If Any)

4. BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

Monthly Routine Business Items:

Items A through F can be moved and voted on in one “consent agenda” vote:

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** “that the following minutes be approved:”
February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting & Executive Session
- B. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve the following attached Bills and Claims Lists and Payrolls:

B&C List: Feb 26 to Mar 17	\$374,121.03
B&C List: March 18	\$124,172.78
Payroll: February 28	\$322,156.69
Payroll: March 14, 2014 (Retro pay inc.)	\$454,329.62
- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve and accept the attached budgetary transfer report for the month of January 2014.”
- D. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve and accept the attached Treasurer of School Monies Financial Report for the month of January 2014.”
- E. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve and accept the attached Board Secretary’s Financial Report for the month of January 2014.”
- F. **BE IT RESOLVED** “to approve the following Building Use Applications:”
 - 1) **Fairfield Township**

Churchill Big Gym	630PM-930PM
Town Meeting	Tuesday March 25,2014
 - 2) **Fairfield HSA**

Churchill Library	7PM
Adult Meeting	Thursday April 10, 2014
 - 3) **Fairfield Police Department**

Churchill/Stevenson Schools	11AM-2PM
Police Training	Tuesday April 15 and Thursday April 17

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Finance Committee recommends:

BE IT RESOLVED “to approve the following:

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE 2014-15 SCHOOL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED “to adopt, based upon the review and recommendation of the Finance Committee, a tentative 2014-15 School Budget as described below and authorize the administration to submit it for review and approval by the Essex County Executive Superintendent of Schools:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve and adopt a Preliminary 2014-15 School Budget in the amount of **\$10,754,012** for the General Fund (Current Operating Expense), **\$114,000** for the Special Revenue Fund (Federal & State Grants), and **\$142,867** for the Debt Service Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there should be raised for the General Fund **\$10,232,052 (+1.75%)** through local taxation to support the Current Operating Expense Budget and **\$142,867** through local taxation to support the Debt Service Fund for the 2013-14 School Year and to authorize the administration to submit same to the Essex County Executive Superintendent of Schools for review and approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Current Expense Operating Budget contain budgeted surplus (fund balance) from the 2012-13 audit of **\$120,803.**”

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call Vote:

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

BE IT RESOLVED “to approve a Board Retreat (special meeting, with no action to be taken) to be held on Sunday, March 30th, between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, at the Passaic County Community College’s Public Safety Academy (300 Oldham Road, Wayne, NJ 07470) and authorize the Board Secretary to advertise as such.”

Introduced by:

Seconded by:

Voice Vote:

