

Fairfield Board of Education
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.
Stevenson School - Library
15 Knoll Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education finds it necessary to meet in Executive Session (Closed to the Public) to discuss attorney/client privileged information, which is exempt from the Open Public Meetings Act.

Introduced by: Seconded by: Roll Call:

II. OPEN MEETING –PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

The Board will reconvene from Executive Session and Mr. Freda, President, will preside and voice the call to order at 7:30 p.m.

“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.”

Now, please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Brian Egan; Mrs. Andrea Jandoli, Dr. Mike Sapienza
Mr. Jeffrey Didyk, Vice President; Mr. Pat Freda, President;
Ms. Susan Ciccotelli, Superintendent of Schools; and
Ms. Lyanna Rios, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON: *AGENDA ITEMS ONLY*

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NJSLA PRESENTATION 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR RESULTS PRESENTED BY MR. VERRENGIA.

CHURCHILL CULTURE AND CLIMATE SURVEY DATA ANALYSIS PRESENTED BY MR. SANTANA.

IV. ENROLLMENT

Grade/School	Total Students 9/24/19	Total Students 10/22/2019	
S.E. Home Prog.	1	1	0
Preschool	35	36	+1
K – Stevenson	98	99	+1
1 – Stevenson	92	92	0
2 – Stevenson	89	89	0
3 – Stevenson	81	81	0
4 – Churchill	113	114	+1
5 – Churchill	95	96	+1
6 – Churchill	81	81	0
Total:	685	689	+4

V. PERSONNEL

A. Instructional

a. Maternity Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a Maternity Leave of Absence for Mrs. Kim Straface. Mrs. Straface will use 18 sick days retroactively from Tuesday, October 8, 2019 through Friday, November 1, 2019. She has asked to use the 6 week NJ Temporary Disability Leave Act provisions from November 4, 2019 to December 16, 2019. She has also asked to use 12 weeks of unpaid Family Medical Leave Act provisions from November 4, 2019 through January 27, 2020. As a paraprofessional, Mrs. Straface does not receive medical benefits during this period. Mrs. Straface will return to work for the 2020-2021 school year.

VI. CURRICULUM/PROGRAM

A. Field Trip Approval

Attachment A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the addition of Gagasphere STEM, which focuses on science & engineering, to the approved field trip list effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

B. Workshop Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves attendance at the following workshops and also approves the reimbursement of registration and/or mileage, expenses, which are to be reimbursed, pending completion of the workshops and submission of the travel reports. *Lodging and meals included.

Staff	Workshop	Date	Registration
Diaz, A.	Autism Deescalate meltdowns	12/13/19	\$249.99 IDEA
Guerriero, A.	Wilson Training	11/11/19	\$1,000 IDEA
Verrengia J.	NJSLS Year 2 Exp. & Equa.	1/29/20	\$160
Verrengia J.	NJSLS Year 2 Geom. & Stat.	3/19/20	\$160
Smith, R.	NJTESOL 2020 Spring Conf.	5/27-28/20	\$314

C. Good News

Stevenson School

- Kindergarten had a great field trip to Fairfield Farms to pick pumpkins. Students got to walk through the corn maze, take a hayride, listen to a story, and search for the perfect pumpkin. Kindergarten also enjoyed a visit from the Fairfield Fire Department. Students learned about fire safety, and they were able to sit in a fire truck.
- Grade one walked to the Fairfield Public Library; the weather was excellent. Ms. Jaime shared a story and let students explore the library and encouraged them to apply for a library card.
- Second grade is off and running! Students are working hard practicing their reading online using RAZ kids, and they also enjoy working on their math skills using IXL. In writing, second graders are improving word choice by switching out everyday verbs for vivid verbs! Many students created a Bio Poem as well, highlighting features about themselves. The children are excited to learn!
- During the months of September and October, third grade students have been excited to be introduced to brand new writing, reading, and math programs! Students in 3rd grade have learned the value of working collaboratively to partner read and help each other revise and edit writing. Students and teachers began the year by reading Kate DiCamillo’s “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.” Students were captivated by the journey of the china rabbit and teachers loved reading and sharing a classic with them. If you walk down the red hallway, you will see all the beautiful projects put together by our students.

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- Student Council is excited to get to work during the 2019-2020 school year. Third grade students volunteered to join Student Council at the start of the school year. They participated in their first meeting where they discussed ideas for the year. Students shared many exciting ideas for service in both the school and community. They are excited to complete school service and education activities, as well as, community service this year. The students plan to collaborate with the Fairfield community and schools on a wide variety of activities. Using teamwork, Student Council will be sure to make an impact with various service activities. They look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Churchill School

- Fourth grade students continue to read, The Cricket in Times Square, a George Seldon novel, in which a talented cricket ends up in New York City and makes some unlikely friends. The students are learning how to use specific examples from the text to explain characters' motivations, main events and central themes, as well as, categorize and give examples of internal and external conflict. Through their reading, the students are also able to build upon their schema of New York City including the identification of landmarks such as Times Square and Grand Central Station.
- Grade four students are in the drafting phase of the personal narrative writing unit. The classes used various mentor texts. This enabled students to explore different authors' crafts and opened them up to new ideas to consider in their own writing. They brainstormed ideas, made lists, and sketched memories as a prewriting technique and are now drafting their own narratives. They look forward to the next stage of writing, which is editing and revising.
- In Math, fourth grade students continue to master their general computation skills and their understanding of place value. They are digging deeply into the math curriculum by learning how to spot computational errors and conceptually based errors, as well as, analyzing them.
- Fourth grade students are developing their spatial thinking while learning an assortment of map skills in Social Studies. Lessons are focused on cardinal and intermediate directions, map scale, latitude and longitude lines. They are also identifying and reading different types of maps. Students have had a blast learning about the weather, landforms and population of other locations without stepping foot outside the classrooms!
- Fifth grade students are so thankful to the Climate and Culture committee for providing them with bags to carry materials from class to class. They are keeping organized and have all the materials they need no matter where they travel.

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- The sixth grade students, along with their teachers, are very excited about the new book they are reading this year! *Fish in a Tree*, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, teaches students to understand and appreciate differences based on the experiences of a young girl with a learning disability. Ask your children to share their thoughts about the book.
- The Churchill School Student Council classroom representatives have been elected. Their first meeting will take place on Thursday, October 17. Congratulations to the following students: Liam Martin, Charlotte Cifelli, Skyler Marcou, Anela Rosania, Natalia Mangiarelli, Alyssa Forst, Ashley Dasaro, Reid Clausi, Claire Tauthong, John Cali, Rocco Pontrella, Gabbie Raniero, Anthony Papamarkos, Franco Venezia, Ilias Skounakis and Stefano Bolognini.

All Curriculum/Program Recommendations:

Introduced by: Seconded by: Roll Call

VII. POLICY

Attachment B

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the first reading of the following policies and regulations, which have been reviewed by the Policy Committee.

<u>POLICY/REGULATION</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>REVISED/NEW</u>
P 3159	Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities (M)	Revised
P&R 3218/4218	Use, Possession , or Distribution of Substances (M)	Revised
P 4219	Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing (M)	Revised
P&R 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M)	Revised
P&R 7440	School District Security (M)	Revised
P&R 8600	Student Transportation (Policy M)	Revised
P 8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M)	Revised
R 8630	Emergency School Bus Procedures (M)	Revised
P 8670	Transp. of Special Needs Students (M)	Revised
P 9210	Parent Organizations	Revised
P 9400	Media Relations	Revised

Policy Recommendations:

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VIII. BUSINESS/FINANCE OFFICE RESOLUTIONS

A. Minutes Approval

Attachment C

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the attached minutes from the September 24, 2019 Public & Executive Sessions.

B. Bills/Claims/Payrolls

Attachment D

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the following Bills and Claims List, and Payroll:

Bills and Claims List	\$590,524.61
September 30, 2019 Payroll	\$357,797.46
October 15, 2019 Payroll	\$360,077.21

C. Transfer of Funds

Attachment E

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education authorizes the transfers in the 2019-2020 budget, per details of the Transfers Report for September 2019, per state law, for the 2019-2020 school year.

D. Secretary/Treasurer Report

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education acknowledges and accepts the report of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the period of September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

I hereby certify that for the period of September 2019 no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(a).



Lyanna Rios
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4), the Fairfield Board of Education hereby certifies that as of September 30, 2019 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report for September 2019 (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a) and those sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations.

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E. NJSIG Eric North Grant Acceptance

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education hereby accepts the award of the 2019 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ERIC NORTH Sub Fund for the purpose described in the application (surveillance cameras in the gym, cafeteria and library), in the amount of \$4,664.49, for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

F. ESEA Grant Final Expenditure Report 2018-2019 Eric North Grant

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Final Expenditure Report for the 2018-2019 school year as follows: Title IV Part A Carryover: \$10,000.

G. Related Service Providers for the 2019-2020 School Year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfield Board of Education approves the following Related Services providers for the period of October 7, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for the service and rate listed below:

Provider	Service	Rate
Next Step Pediatric Therapy	Occupational Therapy	\$90 /hour

Business/Finance Office Resolutions Items A-G

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Seconded by:

Roll Call

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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XIII. NEXT MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the Stevenson School Library.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned.

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Seconded by:

Roll Call