

**Organizational/Regular Meeting Notes
Fairfield BoE; November 26, 2013**

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Mr. Dwyer asked if the intent of this motion was to clarify existing practice. Mr. Fattibene agreed.

In response to Mr. Convertito, Mr. Fattibene clarified agenda preparation on page 9 of by-laws, item C: Agenda, to number the first paragraph (1) and insert second paragraph (2) stating “the Chairperson in consultation with the Superintendent and Vice-Chairperson, shall have the responsibility to prepare the agenda for each meeting” Mr. Dwyer stated this statement is a concept and not an official motion at this time.

The by-law discussion was paused at this time in order to proceed with the AP Presentation.

Presentations

AP Presentation

Dr. Boice, Director of Secondary Education, stated that each high school offers 20 AP courses in 7 different content areas; the focus has been on extending the offerings and expanding student participation; receiving the AP Award is proof that the hard work has paid off. Fairfield Ludlowe High School Seniors, Daria Efimov and Corbinian Wanner, spoke in support of the AP program which shapes and prepares students for the future. AP Teachers Stephen O’Brien (FWHS) and Sara Bassett (FLHS) both spoke in support of the AP program; both praised the open enrollment policy and the opportunities this provides to students.

College Board Senior Director of Strategic Communications, Ms. Heather Tsonopoulos, presented the AP Honor Roll Award to Fairfield Public Schools, Dr. Title and Chairman Dwyer; this award recognizes schools that increase access to AP coursework while maintaining strong performance on AP exams; and Fairfield has an incredible achievement with 91% of students scoring a 3 or higher on AP exams.

Recognition of PTA Delegates

Mr. Dwyer spoke to the importance of the PTA as a focal point of communication. Mrs. Gerber recognized the Board of Education PTA representatives and the invaluable service they provide to communicate meeting information back to their respective school communities.

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Mr. Dwyer stated that additional by-law concepts with official motions will be addressed at a future meeting. Individual Board members stated that by-law amendments will be submitted for agenda construction, measurable goals, and series 8100.

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Mr. Moeder and Mr. King reported for Fairfield Ludlowe High School; both stated they benefitted from AP classes; Richard Blumenthal recently visited in a cross-town debate; Thursday is the Turkey Bowl; Alumni Day is tomorrow; many student athletes received FCIAC honors; school drama club is performing Shakespeare; Key Club is working with Operation Hope to provide gifts to needy families; and college acceptance decisions are coming in.

Ms. Strachan and Ms. Clarke reported for Fairfield Warde High School; Sticks for Soldiers Lacrosse Tournament will be this weekend and donations go to soldiers; the Cheerleaders and Dance Teams are choreographing a new half-time show for the Turkey Bowl; college acceptance letters are coming in; several athletes have committed to schools; alumni will be returning tomorrow; the school store is looking for an food alternatives.

Board Committee/Liaison Reports

Ms. Kennelly stated that the Policy Committee review of the BOE Mission and Goals is ongoing .
Mrs. Gerber stated that the FLHS project committee is interviewing construction managers.
Mr. Fattibene stated that there are currently 6 referrals to the Transportation Safety Advisors.

Superintendent's Report

PTA Council Presentation on Standardized Test Results

Dr. Title presented a few samples on test score data and trends; out of 24 possible subject/grade combinations for the CMT, 20 show improvement from start to finish; of all subject areas in the CMT, Mathematics shows the most growth; CAPT results show increases over time in all four tested areas; AP enrollment increased while maintaining a high percentage of scores at 3 or higher; more detailed reports are available on the website.

Update on Food Services RFP

Dr. Title stated that the RFP has been approved at the Town level; the State must now approve the RFP; it is expected that bids will be sent out in March.

Mr. Llewellyn stated he will follow up with Ms. Munsell for Food Services financials.

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Discussion on Board Goals

Mr. Dwyer reviewed the enclosure and explained the Board Goals process from the previous year; Board members should forward goals to the Chairman to be included for Board review; this item will be addressed at the January meeting, if submissions of goals and ranking is completed by that time.

Board Member Input on the 2014-2015 Budget

Mr. Fattibene spoke to #3, the January 14 meeting, in support of discussing any detail required. Mr. Llewellyn requested actuals and latest estimates as added columns, and spoke in support of voting on individual line items. At the request of new board members, the September 2013 quarterly financial report will be sent to them.

Presentation of Draft 2014-2015 Student Calendar

Dr. Title presented the draft calendar and explained this may be the last year to vote on the calendar; legislation may require a regional calendar for the 15-16 school year; this calendar aligns with the CES calendar and mirrors our current calendar.

Board members discussed starting school after labor day; changing the April break to March; moving the February 3rd Elementary PD Day; moving PD days to the beginning of the school year, and extending the February long weekend. Dr. Title stated that the SBAC test dates are unknown; students have to be cycled through the computers, which requires a longer window; it is not preferable to have students in school on Election day due to security issues.

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Ms. Karnal seconded to extend the meeting to 11:15PM.

Mrs. Kennelly requested the budget implications of moving the April break to March. Dr. Title stated he will research the CMT and CAPT Science Test schedule for March, 2015.

Board Assignments

Mr. Dwyer asked Board members to submit any committee assignment requests to him prior to the next meeting.

Public Comments and Petitions

Nancy Haberly, Duck Farm Road, commented on the timeframe of the Teacher Evaluation Process and the availability of the School Improvement Plans.

Kelly Jacobsen, Acorn Lane, commented on standardized test data, and her understanding that strand level data is lacking.

Tricia Donovan, Taintor Drive, commented on standardized test data, and spoke in support of ctreports.com which provides complete test results.

Christine Vitale, Verna Hill Road, commented in support of the Communication Committee.

Mr. Dwyer clarified that the standardized test handout was a summary of the data; that more detailed reports are provided on the website; Dr. Title stated that the Board does receive a school by school reports, the District Data Team reviews these reports in detail; the deadline for teacher evaluations has not changed from June 30th; evaluations are not subject to disclosure; School Improvement Plans can be shared and schools are encouraged to put them on the website.

Open Board Comment

Mr. Dwyer stated the Board of Education Handbook must be updated; the Proposed BOE Meeting Dates must be provided to the Town in December; the Business Curriculum will be presented at the December 10 meeting.

Ms. Karnal spoke to when discussion takes place on standardized tests results. Mr. Dwyer indicated it occurs at various times in the year in conjunction with related business items.

Dr. Title clarified that the district delves into data analysis in great detail; individual school results vary due to the number of students.

Mr. Patten spoke to the possibility of a Roberts Rules review; and he attended a Westport State representative meeting on state mandates where districts expressed frustration at the manner of implementation.

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