

Regular Meeting Notes
Fairfield BoE; January 14, 2014

VOTING SUMMARY

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 7:35PM. Present were members Eileen Liu-McCormack, John Convertito, Donna Karnal, 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 Danielle Clarke, Acacia Longley, Ethan King and Bill Moeder and approximately 50 members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 10, 2013.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 10, 2013."

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2013.

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2013." Mrs. Liu-McCormack moved/Mr. Llewellyn seconded a motion to add the following wording to page 5 of the minutes at the end of the Aon Presentation: "When Mrs. Liu-McCormack inquired of Aon, based on their broader client experience, what has proven to be the most effective way he has seen other districts reduce health plan costs, Mr. Lindgren responded the conversion to an HSA plan is a solution, reducing the value of the plan itself to reduce benefits."

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the amendment by substituting language in Mrs. Liu-McCormack's written amendment – following the statement, "Mr. Lindgren responded" -- with language stated by Mr. Lindgren in the meeting transcript provided by Mrs. Gerber as follows: "I think you have to kind of shift the cost away from the employee contribution and reduce the plan value if you will. So through HSAs is one of the ways you could get there. But really anything that reduces the value of the plan itself." Motion failed 4-5 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Convertito, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Patten against).

Mrs. Liu-McCormack's original amendment failed 3-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mr. Convertito, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fattibene, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Patten against).

The original motion to approve the minutes passed 6-3 (Mr. Convertito, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fattibene, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Patten in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Llewellyn against).

Old Business

Approval of the Secondary Business Curriculum and Textbook

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion "that the Board of Education approve the Secondary Business Curriculum as recommended." Mr. Convertito moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded to amend the motion to approve the current business curriculum not including Financial Literacy course and Intro to Investing and Finance course. After discussion, Mr. Convertito withdrew his motion. Original motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Fattibene moved/Mr. Convertito seconded the recommended motion, "that the Board of Education approve the Secondary Business Curriculum Textbook, "Becoming Money Smart: A Simulation for Financial Decision Making by Judi Deatherage, as recommended"

Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mr. Patten seconded to amend the motion and add "with the use of Perkins Grant money" at the end of the recommended motion. Motion failed 3-6 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Patten in favor; Mr.

Convertito, Ms. Karnal, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fattibene, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly against).
The original motion passed 9-0.

Approval of the BoE Capital Non-Recurring Projects 2014-2015.

Mr. Patten moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the BoE Capital Non-Recurring Projects 2014-2015 as recommended.” Motion passed 9-0.

Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2013

Mr. Convertito moved/Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular/Organizational Meeting of November 26, 2013.” Mr. Llewellyn moved/Mrs. Liu-McCormack seconded to amend the minutes and add the language “John Llewellyn requested a copy of the most recent set of financials, as well as the 2013/2014 budget related to the Food Services Fund” to page 8 of the minutes, under the Update on Food Services RFP. Motion failed 4-4-1 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Patten against; Mr. Convertito abstained). The original motion to approve the minutes passed 5-4 (Mr. Convertito, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Patten in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn against).

Amendment of Minutes of October 22, 2013

Mrs. Liu-McCormack moved/Mr. Llewellyn seconded to amend the previously adopted action by amending the minutes of 10/22/13 (adopted 11/26/13) to say (insert language under “Quarterly Financial Update” after last sentence): “When asked about who paid for health insurance for food service employees Ms. Mussel responded, ‘They haven’t paid us for last year. They owe the Health Insurance account from last year.’” And then Sue Brand comments: ‘I was concerned about the status of the food service budget because we went out to RFP because we were running out of money. How are we managing to operate? We don’t have the food service budget in front of us. I would feel more confident if it was before us. This leaves me with more questions than answers and questioning management given the fact that we had some serious problems.’” Motion failed 4-4-1 (Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn in favor; Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Patten against; Mr. Convertito abstained).
The original motion to approve the minutes passed 5-4 (Mr. Convertito, Mrs. Gerber, Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly, Mr. Patten in favor; Mrs. Liu-McCormack, Ms. Karnal, Mr. Fattibene, Mr. Llewellyn against).

New Business

Approval of Agreement between Bargaining Unit AFSCME Council 4, Information Technology Technicians and the Fairfield BoE for 2011-2016

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mr. Llewellyn seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between Bargaining Unit AFSCME Council 4, Information Technology Technicians and the Fairfield Board of Education for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.” Motion passed 9-0

Approval of Agreement between Bargaining Unit AFSCME Council 4, Special Education Trainers and the Fairfield BoE for 2011-2015

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Ms. Karnal seconded the recommended motion “that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between Bargaining Unit AFSCME Council 4, Special Education Trainers and the Fairfield Board of Education for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.” Motion passed 9-0

Adjournment

Mrs. Maxon-Kennelly moved/Mrs. Gerber seconded the recommended motion “that this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education adjourn”. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting adjourned 11:15PM.