

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAIRFIELD, CT

**Standing Committee Meeting
Facilities, Technology, and Long-Term Planning**

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Superintendent's Conference Room
501 Kings Highway East

5:15 p.m.

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m.
2. Committee Members Present: Board of Education Members—Mr. Tim Kery, Mr. John Mitola, Mr. Perry Liu; Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Jack Boyle; Director of Operations, Tom Cullen; and Director of Elementary Education, Mrs. Anna Cutaia-Leonard.
3. Mr. Liu moved, seconded by Mr. Mitola to approve the April 6, 2010 minutes. Motion carried 3:0:0.
4. Mr. Cullen reviewed the Recommendations to Reduce/Eliminate Maintenance Budget Request for the 2010/2011 school year. Some areas that are being cut way back over the years is causing some concern such as paving and painting. Unfortunately, more cuts may be necessary to meet the full \$3 million cut. Mr. Cullen expressed a concern regarding the diesel fuel that has been sitting in tanks for two years. The Town of Fairfield regulates what type of fuel to burn. For two years, we have been asked to burn gas rather than diesel. Mr. Cullen was instructed to draft a letter for BOE Chairperson Sue Brand to send to the Town of Fairfield.
5. Mr. Mitola moved, seconded by Mr. Liu to approve the “Facilities Planning Principles” for consideration by the full Board of Education. Motion carried 3:0:0.
6. Mr. Cullen reviewed the Alternate Use of Space document. The discussion led to the need to reconfigure the building use chart that depicts the number of rooms in each building, their use and the building's capacity. Mr. Cullen and Mrs. Cutaia-Leonard will work on a revision of the chart based on the appropriate needs of each building.
7. Open Discussion included an update on a meeting that Mr. Cullen and Mrs. Cutaia-Leonard had with the Stratfield PTA regarding concerns for air quality issues in four classrooms that faced the side of the addition to the building. Mr. Mitola said this should be part of the Building Committee's project cost and he would go to the Building Committee meeting tonight to help explain this item.
8. The letters to the First Selectman regarding the following projects were discussed as a status update;

Saint Emery's School (AHS)
Sherman School renovation and core upgrades
Fairfield Warde High School roof and solar system

Sent on January 26, 2010
Sent on January 26, 2010
To be sent in June of 2010

9. The discussion around Page 20 of the Long Range Facilities Plan approval came up by Mr. Cullen because we do not have on record that this page was approved and voted on by the full BOE. Mr. Kery, Mr. Mitola, and Mr. Liu all agreed that this was discussed at length and a vote was taken at the BOE meeting, 9-0-0. They asked that we have Beverly Dyer go back to the tapes and find it.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18 at 5:15 p.m.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.