

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FAIRFIELD, CT

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

Monday, July 26, 2010

Seminar Rooms A and B  
Fairfield Warde High School

7:00 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Committee Members Present: Mr. Tim Kery, Mr. Perry Liu, Mr. John Mitola (arrived at 7:40) pm and Board of Education Members Mrs. Sue Brand, Mrs. Pam Iacono; Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Jack Boyle; and Director of Operations Mr. Tom Cullen.
3. Mr. Liu moved, seconded by Mr. Kery to approve the minutes of July12, 2010. Motion carried 2:0:0
4. Mr. Liu moved, seconded by Mr. Kery to move Open Discussion up on the agenda. Motion carried 2:0:0
5. Open Discussion  
Mr. Cullen shared a draft letter to the First Selectman re: roof replacement at FWHS; the letter will be held until the minutes of the full BOE meeting where the letter was requested are approved.  
Mr. Cullen shared information re: the fuel oil in the various tanks that has been standing as a result of burning natural gas in the schools for the past two years. Concern was expressed as to the cost savings due to burning gas as it compared to the possible cost of and additive to the standing fuel oil. Mr. Cullen will bring a recommendation to the Board.  
Mr. Cullen shared information about the EnerNOC Demand Response Proposal. Participation in the program could yield the district \$12, 500 annually. Mrs. Brand will check with Dr. Title to see if this can be handled administratively or if the full Board must approve.  
Mr. Boyle suggested that the committee create a matrix to assess the various proposals for the consultant to create enrollment projections.  
Mr. Liu presented his plan as another "OPTION as another way to approach our Middle School Feeder Planning" (attached).

6. Review and discuss “School Feeder Pattern Options” Mr. Kery reviewed the “Criteria for Consideration for Middle School Feeder Pattern Revision July 12, 2010.” Mr. Liu moved, seconded by Mr. Mitola to approve the addition of a ninth criteria as **“Educational issues will be reviewed by the administration.”** Motion carried 3:0:0  
Mr. Kery reviewed charts that he developed outlining the capacities of the various options. Mr. Kery read Option F – Board discussion followed - Mr. Kery asked for a motion to remove Option F from consideration. Mr. Mitola moved, seconded by Mr. Liu. Motion carried 3:0:0  
Mr. Kery read Option E – Board discussion followed - Mr. Mitola moved to keep Option E under consideration, seconded by Mr. Liu. Motion carried 3:0:0  
Mr. Kery read Option D – Board discussion followed - Mr. Mitola moved to remove Option D from consideration, seconded by Mr. Liu. Motion carried 3:0:0  
Mr. Kery read Option C – Board discussion followed - Mr. Mitola moved to remove Option C from consideration, seconded by Mr. Kery. Motion carried 2:0:1 (Liu dissenting)  
Mr. Kery read Option B – Board discussion followed - Mr. Mitola moved to remove Option B from consideration, seconded by Mr. Kery. Motion carried 2:0:1 (Liu dissenting)  
Mr. Kery read Option A – Board discussion followed - Mr. Mitola moved to remove Option A from consideration, seconded by Mr. Kery. Motion carried 2:0:1 (Liu dissenting)  
Mr. Liu opposed the idea of narrowing the choice to one option and sending only one plan to the full Board.  
Mrs. Brand wanted to include the impact of busing on Plan E.  
Mr. Kery asked for a motion to send Option E to the full Board for discussion on August 24. Mr. Mitola moved, seconded by Mr. Kery. Motion carried 2:1(Liu dissenting)
7. Review and discuss possible “grandfathering” options- Mr. Kery suggested that any student who began in a specific middle school be allowed to finish grade 8 in that middle school. He further suggested that consideration be given to siblings to continue in the same middle school. The impact of grandfathering will be assessed as it relates to the enrollment projections.
8. Public Comment: consider a Grade 6 stand alone school; concern regarding the need for enrollment projections after the feeder pattern decision is made; consider moving Dwight to FWHS; plan ignores the long term facilities plan; long bus ride for McKinley and Stratfield students to TMS; concern moving only one recommendation forward; share all options (plans) with BoE with reasons for recommendation; consider team concept with the recommended plan; consider as a criteria “not to drive past two (2) middle schools”.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. and will be back at the BOE offices at 501 Kings Highway, second floor.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.