

DRAFT – TO BE VOTED AT JUNE 15, 2010 MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAIRFIELD, CT

**Standing Committee Meeting
Finance, Budget, Community Relations**

Wednesday, May 11, 2010
Education Center
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent's Conference Room
11:00 a.m.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order: 11:15 AM. In attendance: BOE Members, Pam Iacono, Sue Dow, Catherine Albin and Tim Kery. Central Office Administrators: Bonnie McWain, Gary Rosato, Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Tom Cullen, Jack Boyle, Staff: David Ebling, Jim Coyne, Jeff Burt, Nancy Nash, and several members of the public.

- II. 2010-2011 Budget Discussion:
 - o Bonnie McWain updated the group with new figures for retirees and medical insurance savings. With the modifications to the budget totaling more than 3 million dollars, the committee began to prioritize where to reinstate funds.
 - o Dr. Clark strongly recommended reinstating the Math Curriculum Leader position and the committee agreed. It was move to the "Not Recommended" list.
 - o Board members expressed interest in reinstating the custodial position which was approved; however the late bus and CogAT testing cuts were sustained.
 - o Capital budgets were reduced by 50% from the original amount requested and this was approved by the committee.
 - o Mr. Cullen prioritized maintenance items for reinstatement which was followed by several questions. An additional \$30,000 was added in for paving.
 - o Nancy Nash and Jeff Burt prioritized technology budget items and several items were added back in including some funds for ceiling projectors at FLHS, desktop computer replacement, technology training and a webmaster.
 - o School allocations were supplemented with the remaining funds which will bring those allocations close to this year's funding level.
 - o A complete list of items that were recommended for cut and those recommended for reinstatement will be provided to the full Board of Education for consideration at the next BOE meeting on May 25, 2010.

- III. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 AM

- IV. Next meeting May 18, 2010 at 10:30 AM at Central Office.