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FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Thursday, February 11, 2010

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held Thursday, February 11, 2010, at Fairfield Woods Middle School-Cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman Mrs. Sue Brand. Other Board members present were: Mrs. Catherine Albin, Mrs. Sue Dow, Mr. Paul Fattibene, Mr. Perry Liu, Mr. John Mitola, Ms. Stacey Zahn and Mr. Tim Kery (arrived 6:35 p.m.). Mrs. Pamela Iacono was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Ann Clark, Fairfield Ludlowe HS Student Representative Sarah Finlaw and members of the administrative staff. Approximately 25 people comprised the remainder of the audience.

1. Mrs. Brand led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A Moment of Silence was held for Dick Leadem, Retired Principal of Holland Hill School.
3. Ms. Zahn moved, seconded by Mrs. Albin that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Education Meeting of January 12, 2010, the Special Meeting of January 20, 2010 and the Business Meeting of January 26, 2010.

Motion carried: 6:0:1. Mrs. Albin abstained.

4. Public Comments and Petitions-
 Cristin McCarthy Vahey, RTM District 6 and a member of the Cultural Diversity Task Force, commented that the task force spent a lot of time talking about the implications in the hopes of moving things forward but as an RTM rep to that body she has talked to the Task Force about the fact that we all share the issue of budget but also the issue of the long term implications balanced with the need to move forward, specifically long term transportation issues versus long term other solutions that may be needed to address this problem if we are not able to make progress. She asked the Board to please consider all of those things when making this decision.

5. Extraordinary Business

- A. Ms. Zahn moved, seconded by Mr. Kery that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to allow all elementary schools to opt in to McKinley Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mrs. Zahn commented that she is all for trying what the task force is asking but is there more of a plan if it doesn't do what it is supposed to do?

Public Comment-None

Motion carried: 8:0:0.

6. Reports and Recommendations were tabled.
7. Open Board Discussion-
 Mrs. Dow stated that the CAFE Day on the Hill will be held on March 3.
 Mrs. Albin announced that she has been appointed to the CAB Board of Directors.

8. Ms. Zahn moved, seconded by Mr. Kery that this meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 6:42 p.m.
 Motion carried: 8:0:0.

Stacey Zahn
 Secretary